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NSW BITES BULLET

BY KEITH GILMOUR

THE future prospects of many major NSW semi-professional Soccer clubs will become known in just over three months time.

Clubs are currently subject to the most detailed review ever mounted by the code in Australia.

Last February agreement was obtained to set up a revolutionary Strategic Development Plan at a Federation special general meeting.

Based on an assessment of present and future potential, clubs will be allocated to two semi-professional divisions.

It is expected that the number of clubs will range from 20 to 28, as against 42 in First,

Second and Third Division now.

Amongst the states only Western Australia has made a somewhat similar move, but the NSW replanning is on a much wider scale.

NSW president John Constantine said: "The scheme is proceeding on schedule, and clubs will be advised of their posi-

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Young Roos miss last hurdle

THE Young Soccerroos stumbled at the last hurdle when they were beaten 1-0 by China in the final of the Indonesian Independence Cup in Jakarta last Monday.

The Australians exceeded expectations by reaching the final against the team they held to a 2-2 draw in the

opening game of the five-team tournament last week.

Les Scheinflug's youthful charges — all under 19 years of age — reached the final by beating both Indonesia 'A' and 'B' with the identical 1-0 scoreline and drawing 0-0 with Thailand.

Highlight of the 10-day tourney was the victory against the full Indonesian national team when Zlatko Arambasic

scored the winning goal in the 86th minute.

Despite a broken nose, the exciting Sydney striker scored the match-winner with a sizzling header.

Arambasic stamped himself as one of Australia's most promising prospects by notching three of his team's four goals in Indonesia.

The heat and the humidity that prevailed throughout the series sorted the men from the boys.

Scheinflug and his assistant Raul Blanco now have a firm idea of their strongest line-up for the tough Youth World Cup qualifying campaign ahead.

In Jakarta, the following players came through with flying colours and did Australia proud despite the loss in the final:

John Filan, Peter Bennett, Steve Horvat, Dominic Longo, Steve Georgakis, Mark Brazzale, George Slifkas, Shaun Murphy, Zlatko Arambasic, Zoran Ilic, John Markovski, Stefan Gee.



• AFA goalkeeper TONY PEZZANO hams it up following the Leichhardt club's triumph in the National Cup Final over Brunswick Juventus, Rale Rasic's side won 5-3 on penalties following a drab, scoreless 120 minutes at Marconi Stadium. (Inset) The turning point of the final as Juventus' talented sweeper JOHN YZENDOORN sends his spot-kick wide during the shoot-out. Photos from Frank Sava.

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY

Will continue to bring you the best and brightest from the Soccer scene.

Amongst the cover still ahead from our top team of writers is:

- ★ West End NSL grand final series
- ★ Major end-of-season games from the State Leagues
- ★ Olympic Games football featuring the Soccerroos
- ★ James Hardie National Indoor Soccer League, beginning Sept 3
- ★ World Indoor Soccer Cup, beginning October 21
- ★ Lead-up to Australia's World Cup engagements

DON'T MISS YOUR ASW EACH WEEK

Crino the part-owner

BY GREG BLAKE

Oscar Crino the player admits he has already taken some ribbing from his team-mates about the news of his involvement as new part-owner of the Footscray JUST club.

But Crino the businessman doesn't mind one bit.

If Crino and his co-owners have their way, Footscray JUST will be one of the biggest and best clubs in the country five or six years down the road.

The take-over of Footscray by a group of five businessmen, including the Soccerroo star himself, makes JUST the first privately owned NSL club in the country.

If the venture is successful, it won't be the last.

"The league itself has tried many things over the years to succeed", Crino explains.

"But as far as private ownership is concerned, I think many people have sat back and waited for someone else to do it to see whether it works.

"We'll be scrutinised closely on and off the field and if we can develop the ground and increase membership — if it is seen to be working — other clubs will follow.

"It won't happen overnight, but I am convinced that if we can run the club as well as we can, then Footscray will start going ahead at a

different pace than it has done in the past."

Crino would not be drawn on his full financial involvement, except to say that he is an equal partner with the four others in the venture.

For the time being Crino said he would remain primarily a player at the club, rather than becoming too involved in the day to day running.

"At the moment it's a little hard to balance things", he explained.

"My involvement there as a part-owner is a long-term thing. For the time being I've got to concentrate on my game. My aim is that I will become more heavily involved only when my playing days are over.

"It shouldn't affect the playing side of things and I certainly want to maintain my relationship with the players as it now stands."

Crino put paid to any suggestion that playing and training alongside a co-owner of the club might worry some of his team-mates.

"Hopefully, with the visions we have for the club, no-one will want to

leave the place," he said.

"In time we will start attracting the very best players around. The private ownership will be good for me and for the other players at the club in the long term.

"We are starting from the bottom up and attempting to see how the club has been run in the past and what went wrong under the old system.

"Footscray JUST will be run as a business."

And if nothing else, at least Crino knows for certain that he is sure to get a game at Footscray for as long as he wants it!



Warren Spink (No.7) gets involved in another Footscray JUST attack, this time against Preston Makedonia. Pic — Carmelo Bazzano.



Victorian NSL action. Melbourne Croatia's GRAHAM HEYS zips along as Footscray's OSCAR CRINO does his own version of 'Zorba the Greek'. Nice moves Oscar! Classic photography from Carmelo Bazzano.

Spink could move

WARREN Spink's attention-grabbing 13-goal effort for Footscray JUST this year has attracted the headlines and the inevitable whispers.

Rumour Number One is that Spink, who virtually played a lone hand up front for Footscray this season, is the best "dark horse" for the 1988 Rothmans Gold Medal.

The second rumour doing the rounds is that Spink is on his way from Schintler Reserve and will be lining up for a big-spending Sydney outfit in 1989, with Sydney Olympic the likely club.

The Footscray scoring ace denies both possibilities, but outgoing JUST president Joe Sterpin says he is certain an approach has been made for the club's star striker, but added that as far

as he is concerned Spink is not for sale to anyone.

Spink wouldn't be drawn on the transfer issue but he did manage a hearty laugh at the suggestion of a Rothmans Medal win.

"It must have been a very small whisper you heard", was his response.

"I'd be very surprised if I won anything.

Spink, who admitted he was "fairly happy" with his own efforts this season, reflected on his club missing the finals once again in 1988.

"We really had high hopes at the start of the year", he said.

"As it is now, I'd settle for a couple of goals less if it meant the club

could finish top of the league."

Footscray has already started building its squad for 1989 with the addition of 25-year-old midfielder Zeljko Pustuk from Yugoslav club Sarajevo.

With coach Mirsa Fazlagic almost certain to remain for his second year at the helm, Sterpin says it is vital for the club to start working for next season immediately.

"Fazlagic is interested and wants to stay and we are in the middle of negotiation with him now", Sterpin explained.

"We want to commence working on who will and won't be retained for 1989 right now and then we will have six months to go ready."

GREG BLAKE

Referees & Schools Development Officer



Date for closure of applications: August 31 1988

The NSW Soccer Federation, as part of its continuing commitment to the development of Soccer is considering the appointment of a Referees' and Schools Development Officer.

The person appointed to this position will be responsible for developing and

implementing programmes designed to facilitate the recruitment, and improve performance, of Referees at all levels in NSW.

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Local products helped

Wolves win

PHIL MURPHY LOOKS AT
THE NSL MINOR PREMIERS

WOLLONGONG City have set an example to other West End NSL clubs by having six local products in their team which won the minor premiership in a dramatic finale to the league programme.

Warwick Young, Ray Vlietstra, David Skeen, Peter Kotamanidis, Pat Brodnik and Jock Morlando were in the side which drew 1-1 with Sydney Croatia and all were born and learned their Soccer in Wollongong.

While it can be argued that the club had plenty of help from backer Harry Michaels' guest players in the early part of the season, the locals really made it all happen.

They stuck to their task after the last of the overseas stars, Alan Brazil, headed home in June after the 1-1 draw

against Marconi.

That left coach John Fleming and his team to "fend for themselves" over the last eight games and they lost only one of them.

Coach of the year-elect Fleming can't heap enough praise on his players for the way they have made Australian Soccer sit up and take notice.

"We don't have any internationals or superstars and our success has been based on hard work and playing for one another," Fleming said.

"At the same time we can knock the ball around with the best of them when we have to. We scored more goals than any other side in the league.

"Having six local players in the team when the pressure was really on towards the end says a lot for the talent available on the South Coast."

Fleming and the Wolves' board are hoping this factor brings about a resurgence of dedicated junior players in Illawarra.

"My players have proved kids can make it to the top in the NSL if they work hard enough at their game," Fleming said.

"It is all about dedication and getting to the stage where the young players start playing and training with more experienced people. That has happened with us this season.

"The likes of David Ratcliffe and Jeff Ainsworth have been able to pass on the benefit of their experience and, naturally, Brazil was great on and off the field when he was here."

Fleming paid particular tribute to 31-year-old Ratcliffe, who missed only one league game all season.

The coach said Ratcliffe has been magnificent in the middle of the back four and rates him the real success story of the NSL season.

'Bronson' talks

Ratcliffe has loved it in Wollongong. "I have really enjoyed my football and felt something big could happen with this team," Ratcliffe said.

"At the start of the season, I was tipping we



One of Wollongong's "home grown products", Peter Kotamanidis (right), in action against Apia-Leichhardt. There were six South Coast-born players in Wolves' team which won the minor premiership last week. — Courtesy ILLAWARRA MERCURY.

would be in the fight for the play-offs, but the further we went the more the players started to buzz.

"I think it is great for the city that they have a successful team and it is very important that so many of the players learned their Soccer there."

Ainsworth has already announced his retirement to take effect after the Top Five series and he is keen to take on a coaching job in Wollongong.

Marshall Soper, who played on loan with the

club for the last nine games, missed the drama of the last round through suspension but will be back on deck for the major semi-final on Sunday.

He will take the job of Randall Easthorpe, who is suspended after receiving a yellow card in the last game.

That effectively means he will miss the Top Five series as it is his second suspension under the yellow card system. And the versa-

tile Jock Morlando is in the same boat.

Left fullback Mike Hollifield is suspended for this week but will be back for the final, or grand final, as the case may be.

While admitting he lacks the depth of a club like Marconi, Fleming says he will have a competitive side in action on Sunday.

"I have the experience of Bryan Cokely to call on in midfield and Rade Stefanovski will

cause a few problems for our opposition," Fleming said.

"We haven't finished producing local players for the NSL and I might spring a surprise newcomer from our youth team.

"Last season we had five key players out when we played in the State grand final and still won it. It's going to be hard for any team to dampen the spirit we have in Wollongong just now."

OLYMPIC GAMES SPECIAL!

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY's special coverage on the coming Olympic Games football tournament commences next week.

Special writer LOU GAUTIER will provide many exclusive stories in the run down to this great competition.

Australia will be competing for the first time since gaining a position as host country at the 1956 Olympics in Melbourne.

What of Australia's opponents, Yugoslavia, Brazil and Nigeria?

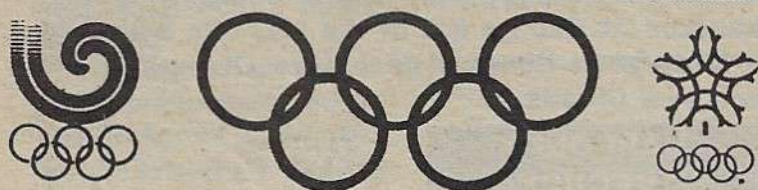
How are the Brazilians viewing team changes from the side that competed here in the Bicentennial Gold Cup?

What is the background of the various other national Olympic teams that are sure to add lustre to the series.

Never before has the Olympic Games football tournament fielded so many high class players, due to the rule changes.

This week Lou Gautier whets your appetite for the series with a preliminary article — COUNTDOWN TO SEOUL.

SEOUL '88



Countdown to Seoul

— Compiled by Lou Gautier —

SWEDEN, in the Olympics for the first time since winning the gold medal way back in 1948, will field a very depleted team in South Korea.

Three star players have dropped out owing to commitments to their new clubs.

Striker Stefan Pettersen, who toured Australia with Goteborg earlier this year, has decided to honour his new contract with Ajax Amsterdam, and won't travel to Korea.

Hans Eskilsson has asked his Portuguese club, Sporting Lisbon, not to release him either, and Anders Limpar has chosen to remain with Swiss team Young Boys Berne for the duration of the Olympic tournament.

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West German coach Manfred Hoener will be in charge of Nigeria's team at the Olympics.

Hoener, who coached Nigeria to the final of the African Nations' Cup, was coaxed out of retirement with a three-month contract said to be worth \$200,000.

Nigerian Federation president Chuba Ikpeazu is adamant Hoener is the only coach capable of steering the team past the first round, where its opponents will be Brazil, Yugoslavia — and the

Socceroos.

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Tunisia also have appointed a new coach for their Olympic team — Pole Anton Piechniczek.

The 48-year-old former Polish national team boss has been in Tunisia for the past four years, coaching club side Esperance Tunis.

Tunisia is drawn with Sweden, West Germany and China in Group A.

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South Korean midfielder Soon Hoo Choi will

join Bundesliga club FC Koln after the Olympics.

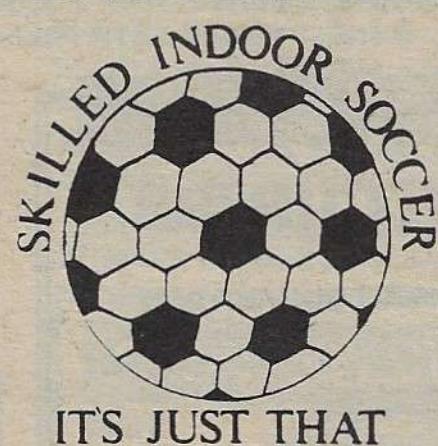
Choi, 26, won't be the only national team player moving to Europe.

At least three other squad members are also headed for West Germany, where South Korean players have always done well.

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West Germany has followed Yugoslavia's lead and will be fielding an almost full-strength national team in at the Olympics.

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Apia wins Cup on a shootout

BY LOU GAUTIER

APIA Leichhardt salvaged something from their dismal season by downing their fellows in misery, Brunswick Juventus, 5-3 on penalties in the final of the Beach Fashions Cup at Marconi Stadium last Sunday.

Before you jump to the conclusion that the scoreline indicates a thrilling goal-fiesta, let us hasten to add it was nothing of the sort.

The teams were unable to score a single goal for 120 minutes and it took a shootout to determine the winner of a match which sadly lacked cup tie atmosphere.

The sparse crowd, generously announced as 2200, was hardly conducive for stirring performances and the players responded accordingly.

It was very much end-of-season stuff. The brave souls who trekked to Bossley Park had precious little to shout about, the only excitement being provided by the sudden death nature of the shootout.

But even that was too little too late.

Leichhardt did not usurp their win. They were always the more composed, especially in extra-time.

They started full of running and could have scored in the first 10 minutes when Rod Brown, Charlie Yankos, from one of his freekick "specials", of course,

and Lawrie McKinna missed narrowly.

Ironically, it was Brunswick which had the best scoring chance of the first quarter of an hour when Gary McDowall headed down a perfect pass to the unattended Andrew Zinni, who, somehow, managed to shoot low and wide from only eight metres.

Five minutes later, Zinni and Joe Palatsides collided clumsily with each other as they attempted to latch on to a loose ball rolling in the Apia goalmouth — and another Brunswick opportunity went astray.

That was the sum total of Juve's chances until the very last seconds of regulation time when Zinni — that man again! — headed wide of Tony Pezzano's goal in a desperate last-gasp attack.

Leichhardt, without ever being as dominant as in their inspired opening burst, enjoyed much more of the ball throughout but their attacks lacked bite.

The 30 minutes of extra-time brought no change to the depressingly sterile scoreline

despite three clear-cut Leichhardt chances.

In the 103rd minute, Kurt Reynolds, who had come in for Terry Butler whose farewell game it was, skimmed the crossbar with a speculative 20-metre shot.

Three minutes later, Alex Bundalo's cross from the left was wasted when Brown hit teammate Hilton Phillips with a header which otherwise might have proved a match-winner. And eight minutes from the end, another Brown header was off-target.

The shootout suspense did not last very long. After Arno Bertogna had converted his spot-kick for Apia, John Yzendoorn's was wide.

It was downhill all the way after that as Leichhardt's next four shooters were dead on target and it was left to Jean Paul de Marigny to notch Number 5 — the magical number that clinched a face-saving trophy for Leichhardt.

For the record, Bertogna, McKinna, Yankos, Watson and de Marigny scored the match-winning penalties for Leichhardt. Juventus were spot-on with Egan, Palatsides and Marley.

Leichhardt now have a second cup trophy to go with the one they won in 1982 when player-coach Peter Wilson was at the helm.

It's also NSL Cup No. 2 for Rale Rasic, who was successful back in 1977, with Marconi against Brisbane City.

Let's, however, also give credit to Brunswick Juventus. Despite the bitter disappointment of relegation, theirs was more than a token cup final appearance.

They may have lacked sparkle, but they fought gallantly to the end and with an ounce of luck — something they did not enjoy all year — the 1988 Beach Fashions Cup could just as well have gone to Melbourne.

Rale Rasic said after the game that he was always confident his team was going to win.

"We did it the hard way. We could have clinched it in the first 15 minutes," the champagne-drenched Leichhardt supremo declared in the raucous Apia dressing room after the match.

"I knew we had the players who could do the job when the chips were down. They are true professionals. I am proud of the composure they showed in the shootout."

Manfred Schaefer, as composed as ever, took his team's defeat philosophically.

"The players fought well. I can't ask for anything more," he said.

"There was no let-down despite the demoralising relegation."

"Everyone showed a lot of character. It was a typical cup final. Not pretty to watch, perhaps, but indecisive to the end. I thought we had enough chances to win."

The Brunswick coach also pointed out how ironical it was that Juve's crucial spotkick miss fell to, of all people, John Yzendoorn, the club's undisputed "penalty king".

APIA-LEICHHARDT: Pezzano, de Marigny, Yankos, Bertogna, Stewart, Bundalo, Phillips, Zinni (Watson 95min), Brown, McKinna, Butler (Reynolds 73min).

BRUNSWICK-JUVENTUS: Laumets, Durakovic, Belle, Brown, McDowall, Yzendoorn, Patsalides, Lane, Egan, Patterson, Zinni (McGrellis 91min).

Referee: A. Kibler (Qld). Crowd: 2200.



DAVID FORDHAM



The battle of the Browns at Marconi Stadium last Sunday as Leichhardt's Rod (left) fires a shot away from Brunswick's Brian in the Cup final — FRANK SAYA pic.

Gala function to farewell Soccerroos

BY KEITH GILMOUR

THE SOCCEROOS will be farewelled in style for their trip to the Seoul Olympic Games finals at the Sydney Town Hall on Tuesday, September 6.

A keen group of Soccer enthusiasts has banded together to organise an outstanding night, including a dinner and superb entertainment.

SBS TV, in their usual co-operative style, have come to the party.

Soccer presenter Les Murray will be involved, crossing live from the dinner to beam out part of the proceedings on the popular 7pm Sports Report.

Organisers are expecting an attendance of 700-800 Soccer fans, and already bookings are almost touching 300.

Proceedings go from 7pm to midnight.

There will be a three-course meal, wine, beer and soft drinks, with the tickets costing \$50 per head.

Everything is being done to produce a lavish evening, and any surplus funds will go to the Soccerroos themselves.

Co-hosts are George Donikian and David Fordham, clearly illustrating the high calibre of the night's proceedings.

The entertainment sectors will lack for nothing.

Australia-wide favourite dancer and singer Jackie Love is on the bill.

Yet another top singer, Delilah, will be performing, whilst the humour department will be in the capable hands of Peter Kay.

It seems that Prime Minister Bob Hawke won't be able to attend, but NSW Premier Nick Greiner is one who has already committed himself to come along.

The Australian Soccer Federation and the NSW Soccer Federation have both given the big function their full blessing.

Spokeswoman Daizy Gideon, Soccer scribe for "The Australian", said: "We are aiming to

make this a night for everyone to remember, and one that will send the Soccerroos to the Olympics in the knowledge that they have a huge bank of Australian supporters behind them."

"All state Federations have been asked for their financial assistance, and we are looking for the full co-operation of the NSL and the NSW State League clubs."

"That same night the Players' Player of the Year award will also be made."

"It was a huge success last season, and is certain to be one of the highlights of the year." Behind the scenes will be the support of some major companies.

Lemaire have committed some of their wide range of appliances for raffle and auction on the night.

Winfield has come to the party also and will provide a 16-page programme featuring the illustrious Soccerroos.

Others supporting the occasion are Australian Airlines (air fares), Mitre sports balls, Con-ea'Dora (catering), with West End (beer) and Seppelts (wine) also to the fore.

In addition, the Sydney City Council has given the organisers outstanding assistance.

Those on the organising committee are John Constantine, Joe Prestia, Andrew Lederer, Harry Michaels, ex-NSL executive director Stefan Kamasz and Daizy Gideon.

To obtain your tickets ring Cliff Atkinson on 555 1633 as soon as possible.

National Youth League

BY ALISTAIR RUSSELL

MARCONI, led by two Vince Colaguiri goals, knocked St George out of the play-offs 3-0 while a late Jason Bennett goal gave Olympic a 1-0 win over Croatia.

**MARCONI 3
ST GEORGE 0**

Croatia completely outplayed the Saints who were bolstered by four first team players. A minute into injury time in the first period Tom McCulloch broke the deadlock after dribbling through several defenders before slipping the ball past the keeper.

Saints offered little more than some long-range efforts and Colaguiri put the game out of reach with goals in the 48th and 67th minutes.

Marconi, against much more experienced opponents, came up trumps, but will be tested again next week when they meet Croatia, in another sudden death encounter.

MARCONI: Hughes, Carlucio (Suzor), Cortes, P. Okon, Charlewood, Gunning, Budini (Lopes), T. Loran, Colaguiri, McCulloch, Vanegas.

ST GEORGE: Bouhoutsoos (Gibson), Kotevski, Morakas, Kyeung-Sik, Naumovski, Moffitt, Kakakios, Warren, Aranyi, Dimoudis, Pottler. Ollerenshaw came on at half time.

**OLYMPIC 1
CROATIA 0**

Sydney Olympic booked their ticket for the Grand Final with a solid all-round performance against minor premiers Croatia at Marconi last Sunday.

Croatia's main attacking weapon, Tony Krslovic, hardly had a look-in all day as the Olympic defence held firm.

Raskopoulos and Koch dominated proceedings in the middle but Oldridge, Sorras and Bennett failed to capitalise.

Sorras was unlucky with a header and had a shot cleared off the line in the first half.

Both sides had the ball in the net midway through the second half but both were disallowed for offside.

Bennett netted with only seven minutes left after Woodhouse failed to hold a shot from Raskopoulos from the edge of the box.

OLYMPIC: Meier, Triantafyllou, Hrist, Platanotis, Scott, Koch, Raskopoulos, Oldridge, Sorras, Bennett, Refenes.

CROATIA: Woodhouse, Orlic, Milnac, Pervan, Milicevic, Brockbank, Clantar, Zec, Krslovic, Kardum, S. Alilovic (Rancic).



Apia's Hilton Phillips goes down amid a swarm of Juventus defenders in last Sunday's Beach Fashions Cup final. Attacking football and goalmouth action were a rare commodity at Marconi Stadium where the outcome was decided in a shootout after a scoreless 120-minute stalemate. — FRANK SAYA Photo.

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Inset above: Apia captain Charlie Yankos and the Beach Fashions Cup trophy. **Right:** Jubilant teammates Jean Paul de Marigny (left) and Burim Zajmi carry Terry Butler in triumph after Leic-hardt's Cup final win against Brunswick Juventus — a fitting tribute in his farewell appearance (Photo by FRANK SAYA)



Fearless Top Five crystal ball-gazing

BY LOU GAUTIER

TONIGHT'S (Wednesday) elimination National League semifinal between Sydney Olympic and Marconi at St George Stadium has all the ingredients for an explosive mix.

The "sudden death" nature of the game adds piquancy to what promises to be a rip-roaring affair which may well go into extra-time and, perhaps, all the way to the dreaded shootout.

The winner here will be back on deck on Sunday to meet the loser of yesterday's (Tuesday) Sydney Croatia v South Melbourne Hellas semifinal in Sunday's minor semifinal.

The winner of yesterday's preliminary semifinal takes on minor premiers Wollongong City in the major semifinal, also on Sunday.

Going to press before the outcome of either midweek game is known makes a mockery of forecasting as far as Sunday's semifinals are concerned.

A searching peer in our crystal ball didn't do the trick either, but here's a bold, totally subjective, and recklessly fearless, prediction: Croatia and Olympic to win midweek to set the stage for an "all-Greek" Olympic-South Melbourne Hellas derby and a Wollongong-Croatia clash on Sunday.

And while we're on a fishing expedition, why not take the bait?

With no degree of confidence whatsoever, and for what it's worth, South Melbourne and Croatia will survive Sunday's double bill to link up with the Wolves to do battle for the NSL's 1988 crown!

The one semifinal that does offer a chance for

potentially lethal Marconi strike force off, even if Fred de Jong is sidelined.

Marconi's attack must be spot-on to make any impression on the tight, aggressive Olympic defence.

Olympic's cover defence had little trouble containing Marconi when the two teams met in a league game only three weeks ago on the same ground.

Look for another eye-catching display from young fullback David Barrett who gives every indication he is headed for international honours in the not too distant future.

Possession of the midfield will play a crucial part in shaping the result.

On paper, both clubs have strong claims in this vital department, the engine room of any team.

Current form here however, again favours Olympic.

Paper form may suggest otherwise as Gerry Gomez and Zlatko Nastevski have better credentials than their Olympic counterparts, but is there a player anywhere who now plays as dominant a midfield role as Jason Polak?

The blond bombshell's match-winning splurges have lifted his team, which owe their semifinal spot in no small measure to his dynamic displays.

Both clubs are well endowed in the goalkeeping department. Few would argue that Clint Gosling and Bob Catlin are in the very top echelon of National League custodians.

Both will have ample opportunities to show their stuff as plenty of goalmouth action is guaranteed.

There is little to choose between the teams if past records are any reference.

Marconi and Olympic have met 23 times in the National League for seven Olympic wins, five Marconi victories and no less than 11 draws.

The clubs have only ever clashed twice in the

finals, with the record one apiece.

Marconi won a memorable Top Five game in 1985 when the game ended in a 3-3 draw after extra-time before Marconi went to take the penalty shoot-out 7-6.

The previous year, in the preliminary semifinal, Olympic came out on top, 2-1.

Olympic also have the better Top 5 record: in 14 appearances they have notched up eight wins while Marconi can only show seven wins and 10 losses in their 17 finals outings.

Marconi does have the edge, however, should a penalty shoot-out be required to determine tonight's winner.

Olympic have lost both semifinals in which penalties were needed to break the deadlock.

Marconi, on the other hand, have a 50 percent record in shootouts: two wins and two losses.

Matches, of course, are not won on records, but those statistics do prove there is little separating Marconi and Olympic and it should show at St George Stadium where the stage is set for a thriller.

Brusasco holds the fort

NEW ASF Chairman Ian Brusasco will retain the Queensland Soccer Federation presidency until the end of the year.

Brusasco is bound to step down from his state position following his elevation to the ASF Chairmanship. He gave a commitment to honour that ruling following his election, but has chosen to delay the timing of the move in the interests of Queensland Soccer.

He will step down at the QSF Annual General Meeting on Sunday, December 4, allowing his successor to start afresh.

But Brusasco is also delaying his move to give time for a replacement to be found.

There were no nominations for the QSF vice-presidency at last year's AGM and the position has still not been filled. Although a number of club officials have indicated interest in the position with Easts' Ross Melville, Rochedale's John Hancock and Taringa's Frank Speare among the names being touted, at the moment there is no heir apparent to Brusasco.

"I just can't walk away from Queensland Soccer and I hope by the AGM a replacement will be found," Brusasco said.

In the meantime, Brusasco will do the two jobs, which he already is finding an enormous workload. The 59-year-old company executive is now working almost fulltime on Soccer.

"The more I get into the job, the more I realise how much work it entails," he said.

With that in mind, no doubt Brusasco is hoping a QSF successor comes along sooner than expected.

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Sharks maul the Demons

SUTHERLAND Shire Sharks caused the upset of the round to down the League leaders Blacktown City 2-1 at Seymour Shaw Park last Sunday.

After a series of strong performances which saw the Demons take the top spot on the League table it was back to the drawing board time as the State League leaders stumbled and fumbled.

The Westfield Soccer Sharks showed determination that is almost unique to the light blue colours of the Seymour Shaw outfit and at no stage showed

any respect for Blacktown.

The locals held Blacktown to 0-0 for the first 45 minutes then came all out looking for both points during the second period.

Tony Caban drew the first blood with a fierce drive which left Steve Watson, in goal for Blacktown, grasping for air in the 61st minute.

Only two minutes later and a harmless head-

er by Alan Reis appeared set to finish in the hands of the Sutherland goalkeeper. Alas, Craig Burchmore took his eyes off the ball and it ran through his legs and over the line for the equaliser.

However this goal failed to deter the home team and they mounted many raids on Watson's goal in the ensuing 27 minutes and were rewarded with a fine goal

by Bruce Johnstone. He broke through some poor defence in the 80th to face Watson before chipping the Demon keeper to make it 2-1.

Blacktown looked fatigued and well beaten in the closing stages and only some poor finishing by the locals had the score still at 2-1 as the final whistle blew.

This win by Sutherland will set up a showdown with Uruguay Penrith tonight at Cook Park for the place in the play-offs.

SUTHERLAND: Burchmore, R O'Shea, J O'Shea, Sellar, Enson, Nelson, Meades, Johnstone, Parsons (Lards 60th), Sharpe, Caban.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Watson, Naumov, G Sterrey, Dunn, Northam, Cavanah, Kay, Maler, Reis, Odzakovic, Thornthwaite.

A birthday to remember!

BY GRAHAM COOKE
WOLLONGONG
Macedonia gained a desperately needed point in its battle to avoid relegation with a 1-1 draw against Canberra Croatia at Deakin Oval on Saturday.

It was also a 21st birthday to remember for Croatia's midfielder George Kulcsar who played the full game in goal after reserve keeper George Economopoulos failed a late fitness test. First choice Anthony Giannasca was with the Young Soccercoos in Indonesia.

But for long passages of play Kulcsar was a spectator peering down

the length of the pitch at the sea of red and white shirts around the far goal.

The highlight of his

Baz—Marko double

SEBASTIAN Giampaolo and **Marko** Perinovic scored two goals apiece to help Inter Monaro subdue Newcastle Austral 4-2 at the Austral Park last Saturday afternoon.

Inter Monaro's twin striking duo was in devastating form.

Giampaolo's 30-metre drive after only 10 mi-

action was to save — if save is a worthy word for it — a friendly looking poke by forward Andy Hodson.

To say that Croatia fully dominated the game would be an understatement but domination does not always equate with winning and it had to be content with just one point.

Croatia took the lead after eight minutes. Steve Bryant drove a freekick at John Krasnovic which the Macedonia goalkeeper fumbled,

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this goal was short-lived as Giampaolo found the net from the edge of the area to set his side on the way to victory.

Perinovic made sure of the visitors' victory with the two-goal burst that left Newcastle looking like an ordinary side.

Robert Holden added another for the home team late in the game but it was too little and too late to put a dent on a great performance by the visitors.

NEWCASTLE AUSTRAL: Carter, Bowen, Devon, Achurch (Baillie), Tredinnick, Virgili (Porter), Bland, Cummins, Bailey, Holden, Jones.

INTER MONARO: Gunning, Monterosso, Popovic, Gaggelli, Dukic, Carbone, Fernandez, Brennan, Perinovic, Ambrosino, Giampaolo.

NEW SOUTH WALES

STATE LEAGUE 1ST DIVISION

Sutherland v Blacktown	2-1	0-0
Melita Eagles v SSC Yugal	1-1	4-0
Penrith v Ku-ring-gai	0-2	0-2
Canterbury v Rockdale Ilinden	1-3	1-2
Polonia v Warringah F/Water	0-1	1-0
Newcastle v Canberra City	6-0	NP
Newcastle v Inter Monaro	2-4	4-0
Canberra v Wollongong Mac	1-1	2-5

STATE LEAGUE 2ND DIVISION

Bankstown v Blacktown Utd	1-1	1-2	3-0
Manly Warringah v Campbelltown	1-1	0-0	1-5
Granville Chile v Gladesville Hby	0-0	0-1	1-0
Sydney Macedonia v Uni of NSW	5-0	2-1	2-0
Maroubra Q/Park v Avala	0-0	1-5	0-2
North Sydney v Bathurst '75	1-3	1-2	0-2
Kingsford v Fairy Meadow	1-1	0-4	7-0

STATE LEAGUE 3RD DIVISION

Baulkham Hills v Southern Districts	1-1	0-0
Canterbury v Bondi Marine	1-1	0-1
Orange Waratahs v Port Hacking	3-0	NP
Rooty Hill W/Utd v Concordia	1-1	6-2
King Tomislav v Dulwich Hill	0-2	1-3
Mt Druitt Town v Moorebank	0-0	4-0
Cant & Dist. v Baulkham Hills	1-5	0-2

INTER URBAN 1ST DIVISION

Nineveh Eagles v Chelsea	NP	NP
Pagewood v Eastwood	3-1	1-6
Rangers Hajduk v Padstow Park	2-2	2-0
Spanish Club v North Ryde RSL	2-1	1-0
Sydney Uni v Rosebery	1-2	0-1

INTER URBAN 2ND DIVISION

Trasandinos v Concord Juniors	0-0	1-1
Fairfield Kiev v Blacktown Wands	5-0	0-7
Cyprus United v Liverpool City	3-0	9-1
Greenisland v Macquarie Uni	2-0	2-0
Wenty Waratah v CSI Schofield	1-1	2-3
Haberfield Peru v Chile Sports	2-0	0-1

INTER URBAN 3RD DIVISION

SSC Zagreb v Alexander	2-0	2-1
Lithgow Workmen v Abruzzi	3-1	1-0
Castle Hill v Colo Colo	2-1	1-1
Amcliffe v Murray Farm	1-0	1-0
Hellas v Prospect United	1-2	0-1
Murray Farm v Abruzzi	5-2	2-1
Mt Pritchard v Petersham	4-1	1-1
Amcliffe v Alexander	NP	NP

INTER URBAN 4TH DIVISION

GNS United v Sydney Lebanon	2-1	5-3
Korean v Maccabi Hakoah	0-3	1-2
Belmore Hercules v Liverpool Olympic	7-0	1-2
SPQR Noantri v Assyrian	3-1	NP
Ashour Star v Cobreloa	1-1	3-1

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FIRST DIVISION

SUNDAY AUGUST 21

Blacktown City v Canberra City Gabbie Stadium
SSC Yugal v Sutherland Shire Mona Park
Ku-ring-gai v Melita Eagles Parklands Oval
Inter Monaro v Uruguay Penrith Marco Polo Gnd
Rockdale v Newcastle Utd Hurstville Oval
Warringah v Canterbury Grahams Reserve
Wollongong Mac v Polonia JJ Kelly Park

SECOND DIVISION

Avala v Sydney Macedonia Knight Park
Bathurst '75 v Maroubra Q/Park Proctor Park
Blacktown Utd v North Sydney Art. Francis Park
Campbelltown v Bankstown Lynwood Park
Fairy Meadow v Manly Warringah Brandon Park
Gladesville v Kingsford Magdala Oval
Uni of NSW v Granville Chile Little Bay Oval

THIRD DIVISION

Port Hacking v Canterbury Seymour Shaw
Concordia v Orange Waratahs Arlington Oval
Dulwich Hill v Rooty Hill West Utd Camperdown Oval
Moorebank v King Tomislav Hammondville Pk

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See a top State League match this week!

Upset results open up title race

BLACKTOWN City was beaten by Sutherland at Seymour Shaw; Melita Eagles lost one point to the bottom placed Yugal ... the race for the title is still on!

After the events of the last few weeks who would dare predict the results of the next round with the situation still not clear at the top as well as the bottom of the League table?

This Wednesday night, at Cook Park, Sutherland will visit Uruguay Penrith in an attempt to close the gap on the front runners and challenge for the top four position. And should the Sharks be successful, then the last two rounds will turn into real nail-biting contests.

At the same time, and across town at Parklea, Ku-ring-gai will welcome fellow-strugglers Wollongong Macedonia, with both sides looking for one point. Neither could afford to lose with Yugal threatening to do a Houdini.

At the weekend what better start than Rockdale Ilinden versus

Newcastle Austral at Seymour Shaw Park?

Should Rockdale win, then the top four placing is wide open, but an Austral win would seal it for the club from the steel city.

Blacktown should account for an understrength Canberra at the Gabbie. Melita must win at Parklands to keep in touch with the Demons while Inter Monaro looks set to truly cement its top four spot at the expense of an out of touch Uruguay Penrith.

Warringah could overtake Canterbury with a win at Grahams Reserve, while Macedonia from Wollongong must take at least one point against Polonia at Kelly Park.

Blacktown to win the title and Yugal to drop? Predictions not as bold as some people may think at this stage.

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Thomastown a big threat

BY VLADO VLAHOVIC

THOMASTOWN could be Heidelberg's biggest threat for the league title as it consistently fends off its opposition after another solid victory, this time 1-0 against Ringwood City.

Busy striker Bobby McGuinness was back in the first team for Thomastown after a long lay-off due to a leg injury (fracture) and he immediately made an impact as he hit the crossbar and forced a great save from keeper Ric Janssan.

Robert Pinalto and Kevin Carfora also had good chances to score but Thomastown had to wait two minutes from full-time for the winning goal.

After a clever build-up, burly Kevin Carfora dribbled past one Ringwood defender and slammed the ball into the back of the net from about five metres.

Ringwood's best chance came via Doug Nolan, but he could only find the side netting.

Thomastown president Mick Iacoducci is excited about the prospect of winning the title and he can't believe his side's good fortune.

"Before the start of the season we had hoped just to stay in the competition, but now we are fighting for the championship. We'll definitely give it a big shake," he said.

Vales again

YOUTHFUL Springvale City smashed a spirited and relegation-bound Oakleigh 3-0 at Ross Reserve last Sunday.

Oakleigh striker Danny Ward took over the coaching reins for the day as Takis Svingos was interstate to attend a wedding.

The replacement didn't cause any reaction from the players who seemed to have given up all hope in this troubled season for the Greek-backed outfit.

The young Springvale side (five players under the age of 18) had no trouble crushing the sorry opposition.

In the 20th minute Steve Keenan sent a long cross to Brian Bothwell who made no mistake with a six-yard header.

Early in the second half, Keenan was again in the thick of the action as he forced his way into the area but was fouled. Dean Bryden converted the penalty.

After scoring a goal in the reserves, substitute striker Robert Morrey repeated the dose with a headed goal off a Micky Livingstone cross.

Springvale won handsomely, but it still has a poor goal-difference and is one of several clubs battling for survival each week.

SPRINGVALE: Hermus, Whyte, Reilly, Bryden, Finlay, Livingstone, Bothwell, Keenan (Morrey 70'), Verecchia (Bissinger 80'), Richardson, Bell.

OAKLEIGH: Kardamitsis, M. Gavardinas, Nicolaidis, Malford, Henderson, Crutzmacher, Ross, Livingstone, Kontos, Murphy, Stamatis (Zagolpis 80').

Ringwood coach Hans Petersen was disappointed after the game because he believed his charges were the better team and deserved at least a point.

THOMASTOWN: Janaklevis, Mihailidis, McMillan, Pinalto, Higgins, Dougherty, Cristaldo, Ragusa (Carfora 60') Di Martino, Lewis, McGuinness.

RINGWOOD: Janssan, Cumming, Verniers, May (Wemyss), Nolan, Maguire, Corvan, Kennedy, Nijholt, Whitehouse, Cocker.

Gully easily

FINALIS-bound Green Gully convincingly defeated relegation-bound Fawkner 2-0 at Smith Reserve last Sunday.

Fawkner's three-match unbeaten run came to a crashing end as it was

totally outclassed by Green Gully.

Only a miracle could help Fawkner escape the 'big drop' now.

For Gully, last season's "best and fairest", Steve Douglas, could have scored at least three goals himself if it wasn't for the crossbar and some fine keeping.

Douglas scored Gully's first goal with a fine header after a cross from the depths.

Gully sealed victory with a penalty kick. Big Joe O'Donnell was brought down and Colin Quigley converted from the spot.

The only saving grace in the game for Fawkner was when veteran striker Doug Brown appeared late in the match. He at least lived up to the forward line, hitting the crossbar and creating havoc in Gully's defence.

GREEN GULLY: Sant, Farquharson, Grimaud, Cannell, Culler, Quigley (Napoli), Wilson, McLelland, O'Donnell, Douglas, Smart.

FAWKNER: Wilson, Schipano, Ferla, Walsh, Fraser (Sabatino 75), Tuffield, Hennessey, Ulinichello (Brown 60), Cullen, Hannah, Stenson.

Victorian State League

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Heidelberg	13	4	6	43	25	30
Thomastown	12	6	6	32	24	30
St Albans	10	8	4	31	20	28
Caulfield City	10	8	6	34	28	28
Green Gully	9	8	5	29	18	26
Northcote City	9	8	6	32	25	26
Croydon City	8	7	6	23	24	23
Ringwood City	8	6	10	31	36	22
Bulleen	8	6	8	21	27	22
Polonia	8	5	10	37	34	21
Box Hill	5	11	8	28	32	21
Morwell Falcons	6	9	9	21	25	21
Springvale City	6	9	9	24	31	21
Western Suburbs	8	3	13	27	40	19
Fawkner	6	5	12	17	27	17
Oakleigh	5	5	13	19	33	15

Results

MORWELL 0 BOX HILL 2 (Campbell, Brimmer) BULLEEN 2 (Curulli, Avian), POLONIA 1 (Lakic) HEIDELBERG 3 (Stubbins 2, Raynes) CAULFIELD 1 (Harris), WESTERN SUBURBS 0 ST ALBANS 0, CROYDON 1 (Middlemarch) NORTHCOTE 1 (P. Constantinou) THOMASTOWN 1 (Carfora) RINGWOOD CITY 0 SPRINGVALE 3 (Bothwell, Bryden, Morrey) OAKLEIGH 0.

Top Scorers

12: I. Kelic (St Albans)
11: D. Morovic (Heidelberg)
10: G. Warszawski (Polonia), J. Nijholt (Ringwood), D. Tuck (West)
9: M. Woodall (Northcote), A. Goutzioulis (Caulfield)
7: K. Carfora (Thomastown), S. Brimmer (Box Hill)

GAMES THIS WEEK

STATE LEAGUE RD 24 — SAT AUGUST 20:
St Albans v Springvale City, Oakleigh v Thomastown.
SUNDAY AUGUST 21:
Maribymong v Caulfield, Box Hill v Bulleen, Northcote v Morwell, Green Gully v Western Suburbs, Heidelberg v Fawkner, Ringwood v Croydon.

Box Hill rewarded

STRUGGLING Box Hill finally managed to gain two points with a hard-fought 2-0 victory against Morwell Falcons at Crinigan Road last Saturday.

In a very competitive and entertaining game, the Falcons lost again — their third straight loss — and the Latrobe Valley outfit is now languishing in relegation territory after spending most of the season four places higher, comfortably out of trouble.

Morwell Falcons have had difficulty finding the back of the net all season, even when totally dominating the opposition.

However, Falcons' coach Bobby McLachlan had no excuses for his side's loss to Box Hill.

McLachlan believes the club's fate will change for the better and banishes any thoughts of relegation.

Box Hill opened the scoring in the 22nd minute when a cross from the left skidded off defender Emil Bruns' head to fall nicely at the feet of George Campbell, who enjoyed his freedom to score from just inside the area.

Morwell fought back hard and had its chances to equalise, especially through substitute Ian Stinton.

Stinton only spent 13 minutes on the park but caused panic in the goalmouth, hitting the post and forcing two great saves from keeper John McKinlay.

Eighteen minutes from time Box Hill wrapped up the match with a goal from a counter-attack.

George Campbell ran the ball to the corner-line and neatly cut back a cross for Steve Brimmer to tuck away the winning goal from within the six-yard box.

MORWELL: Reynolds, Clarke, Bruns, Bennett, Gottis (Stinton 75), Doyle, O'Callaghan, Cassar, Drakeford, Webster, Sokoluk.
BOX HILL: McKinlay, McArthur, Aretis, Roodhouse, Davidson, Hanley, McBride, Burton, Campbell, Brimmer, Thomas.



Green Gully's Joe O'Donnell is on the ball as he shakes off the Fawkner pair of Rino Minichiello and Dean Hennessey

— Carmelo Bazzano action shot.

Heidelberg still the team to beat

HEIDELBERG reasserted itself as the team to beat in the State League with a strong 3-1 victory over contenders Caulfield City.

Caulfield City couldn't repeat the inspired effort that gave it a stunning victory over Heidelberg earlier in the season.

Although Caulfield did have their chances through Danny Zemunik and Angie Fillipou, who both missed "sitters", they found the likes of Willie Raynes and Phil Stubbins too much to handle in the end.

Man-of-the-match Willy Raynes proved troublesome on the wing with pace and classy ball control.

Twice within the opening five minutes, his dynamic speed created scoring opportunities.

Heidelberg were rewarded in the 23rd minute when he took a corner on the right, sent over an inswinging cross which



Claude Lucchesi

Stubbins headed into the net for the first of his two goals.

Stubbins netted his second 15 minutes later when he received a cross from Mike Valentine. He trapped the ball and rounded the keeper to

score with a shot that pierced the defensive wall.

Around the 65-minute mark, Heidelberg defender Peter Bordignon was sent off for allegedly striking a Caulfield defender. As a result, he conceded a penalty which Paul Harris duly converted, giving the Blues some hope.

But Heidelberg clinched victory with a penalty scored appropriately by Willie Raynes.

CAULFIELD CITY: Madler, Bitsonis, Fillipou, Harris, Fatore, Theoharous, Alaglozidis, Griffin, Zemunik (Armstrong), Goutzioulis, Delligiannis (Cuzzella).

HEIDELBERG: Banovic, Pantiolitis, Dowle, Ousalkas, Bordignon (sent-off 65'), Kanesoulis, Lucchesi, Valentine, orovic (Iliopoulos 75'), Stubbins, Raynes (Theodosopoulos 82').

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ABOVE: Fawkner's David Hanna tackles Green Gully's Stuart Cannell in the course of Gully's convincing 2-0 win last weekend. RIGHT: Stephen Farquarson breaks away from Fawkner opponent Rob Cullen — Pics by Carmelo Bazzano.

Vic. Youth Finals

BRUNSWICK Juventus avenged its 1987 Southern Division Youth League Grand Final defeat against Sunshine George Cross when it came from behind to down Georgie 2-1 in last Sunday's qualifying final at Chaplin Reserve.

The far more experienced George Cross looked to have the game in its keeping but Juve struck twice in 20 minutes to advance to the major semifinal.

In Sunday's other game of the double-header, Melbourne Croatia eliminated Preston Makedonia with an easy 2-0 victory.

In Sunday's elimination final, Croatia always looked to have the game in its keeping after taking a lead through Jo Caleta after 30 minutes.

A late fightback by Makedonia sent a scare through the Croatia camp with Mike Brian missing Preston's best chance as he lofted a shot over the bar from close range.

Joe Osrecak scored Croatia's second goal just four minutes from full-time.

In the qualifying final, big Aki Kotzamichalis headed Sunshine George Cross into a 21st minute lead and looked to be coasting with experienced players like Andrew Marth leading the way.

— GREG BLAKE

Docherty Cup test

BY GREG BLAKE

The Victorian Soccer Federation is "looking into" a proposal to experiment with the dates of the final rounds of the Docherty Cup this season in a test run for summer soccer.

A spokesperson for the VSF said they were considering a proposal to switch the final rounds from October to November.

The 79-year-old Docherty Cup offers \$25,000 in prizemoney and the VSF clubs are usually joined by their NSL counterparts in the quarter-final rounds.

Melbourne's NSL teams want the competition to be put back to

November to tie in with their preparations for the 1989 season which kicks off in January.

The VSF, keen to retain the better supported NSL clubs in the famous competition, will not rule out the suggestion.

The next round of the cup is set down for October 16, which would mean a one-month break for NSL teams whose seasons ended 10 days ago.

The final is due to be decided on November 2.

Western Suburbs, Ringwood City, Morwell Falcons, Heidelberg, Green Gully, Clifton Hill, Caulfield City and Clarinda will be joined by Melbourne's NSL clubs in the next round.

Staying Alive

NORTHCOTE City and Croydon City kept their finals hopes alive, gaining a point apiece in a fast, entertaining 1-1 draw.

Croydon striker Chris Middlemast scored the opening goal after 20 minutes. Goran Runje made a fine, breaking run to the byline, then cutback a precision cross for Middlemast, who easily finished off from close range.

Northcote had the wind at their back in the first half and came back well

with a pressure possession game, but the woodwork denied George Kouremenos any glory in one of his side's few clear chances.

After the break, Croydon looked more threatening early on but Ian Dobson just missed the target on two occasions with forceful headers.

Controversial draw

LOWLY Western Suburbs put up a sturdy defensive performance to snatch a point against highly-rated St Albans in a scoreless draw which ended in controversy.

After the game, Wests' president Sam Kagioglou was fuming: "The VSF should never have allowed St Albans to field star midfielder Ivan Duzel because he accumulated three cautions. The rule states that players who receive three cards must automatically miss a week — the next game after receiving the third," he told ASW.

The VSF okayed St Albans' request to field the ace midfielder because of the club's personnel problems but Duzel will miss this week's clash with Springvale City.

The game itself never reached any heights as Western Suburbs defended desperately in its

bid to gain a point.

Young Stratos Apostolakis blanketed St Albans' key creator Ivan Duzel out of the game and Michael Kagioglou marked both Maretic and then his replacement Bill Popovski right out of the match with a strong display.

St Albans looked most dangerous when pumping long, high balls into the area, but couldn't find a way past West's rock-solid defence which is normally its weakest area.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Tachirlis, Kondouris, Hamill, Pender, Esposito, Kagioglou, Markovski, Apostolakis, Tuck, Metaxos, Kopsaftis (Soltani).

ST ALBANS: Grgic, Dragovic, Cuze, Gagula, Culina, Kupresak, Maretic (Popovski), Duzel, Kelic, Sunjara, Ras-tovic.

Pole-axed!

BULLEEN Veneto gained two precious points from its all-important relegation clash against Polonia with a 2-1 win at the muddy Veneto Club.

Bulleen moved out of the relegation zone and leapfrogged Polonia in its bid for State League survival.

The crushing 0-4 loss to Polonia earlier in the season was the only spur needed for the players who were desperate to avenge the result, but for a long time it appeared the game was heading for a drab scoreless result.

However, 15 minutes from time, some life was instilled into the game when Dominic Ruccia sent a well-placed cross to the far post for Tony Curulli to head home the opening goal.

One minute from time, Bulleen sealed the match when a long throw by Laurie Boarotto found dangerous striker Zdravko Lujic. He turned and crossed to Claude Avian at the far post for his side's second headed goal.

Moments before fulltime, Polonia managed a "consolation" goal from a breakaway, allowing front-runner Brendan Lakic to score.

BULLEEN: Contini, Marsan, Curcio (Romano), Curulli, Krajacic, Avian, Ruccia, Angele (D'Amico), Boarotto, Boziskas, Lujic.

POLONIA: Dzielakowski, Liparski, Chetcuti, Smolarek, Innes, Watson, Czapnik, Bonk, Lakic, Warszawski (Baran h.t.), Temos (De Bono 70').



Although Croydon were missing two regular players — Andy Humble and George Campbell, out because of flu — they still played with much purpose and deserved the draw.

Northcote scored its equaliser only minutes from time when Martin Woodall chipped a free-kick to Nick Constantinou who then nodded on to brother Peter, who made no mistake with a powerful shot from close range.

CROYDON: M. Runje, Langsbury, Dobson, McIntosh, R. Runje, Middlemast, Van Egmond, Brown, Bryne (O'Shea 65'), G. Runje (Gabrielson 70'), French.

NORTHCOTE: Tarudis, Leonardos, N. Constantinou, Kouremenos, Palmarricciotti, Beklaris, Woodall, Manou, Gymnopoulos (J. Constantinou 70'), Gilder, P. Constantinou.



Mark Wilson (left), of Green Gully, and Fawkner's Rob Cullen at Smith Reserve last Sunday (Carmelo Bazzano photo).

Bergers battle for top

BY GREG BLAKE

HEIDELBERG'S bid to rejoin the NSL elite has suffered on and off the field in recent weeks.

The Victorian State Leaguers' ship hasn't exactly run aground yet but to say the Bergers were foundering in troubled waters wouldn't be too far from the truth.

After Round 23, just seven weeks from home, Heidelberg still led the League — but only just.

Now two wins and two draws in eight games have Heidelberg well and truly back with the field.

And with the lapse comes the inevitable press speculation. Coach Terry Hennessey, whose job is in doubt according to the press, believes the bad publicity could be every bit as damaging as a lapse in form.

"I suppose it must have an effect on the players," the Heidelberg coach said this week.

"The players read these things and obviously sometimes it must throw them."

"But we can't do anything about it anyway so we've just got to get on with the business of getting back into the National League."

Speculation about behind the scenes problems at Olympic Village has been rife recently.

And interference by supporters has put added pressure on the coach and the club.

Stories in the press that

president Lewis Yoannidis had bowed to pressure groups and attempted to have John Dowie dropped from the team by pressuring the coach have been dismissed by Yoannidis himself.

"The John Dowie business has been blown right out of proportion," Yoannidis told ASW.

"He is not the first or last player to be dropped from the team and only last night myself and team manager Jim Kriaris had a meeting with him."

"Just because I have a meeting with a coach or player doesn't mean I'm interfering with team selection."

"John Dowie is happy at the club and we are happy to have him and what the papers have to say doesn't worry me."

Speculation over Dowie's future at Heidelberg brought back vivid memories of the regrettable Scott Fraser affair earlier this season.

Fraser found himself pressured out of the club by a supporters' faction which finally pressured Heidelberg into transferring Fraser away to fellow State League club Fawkner.

Yoannidis says that situation isn't about to repeat itself with Dowie.

The Heidelberg president is also adamant that Hennessey's job is not on the line.

And Yoannidis put paid to rumours of a massive player clear-out at



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Sydney Football Stadium

Decision helps Soccer

BY LOU GAUTIER

THE NSW State Government's decision not to go ahead with the sale of the Sydney Football Stadium is good news for Soccer.

Earlier this year it was feared that the state-of-the-art venue would be lost to the code had the NSW Rugby League agreed to buy it.

Instead of selling the stadium, which cost \$62 million to build, NSW Sports Minister Bob Rowland Smith last week unveiled a "rescue package" to stem the Sydney Cricket & Sports Ground Trust's \$60 million debt.

This horrific figure, however, is not as staggering as it seems: a large part of the deficit can be attributed to the construction of the stadium, which was completed some nine months ago.

The consultants commissioned by the State Government, Baring Brothers Halkerston & Partners, to investigate the sale of the Sydney Football Stadium to re-

pay the huge losses, found it was not financially feasible to do so in order to meet the debt.

They estimated the stadium could only be sold for between \$14 million and \$35 million.

"Obviously, the Government cannot sell an \$82 million asset for a third of that price," Rowland Smith said with unassailable logic, let us hasten to add.

The options devised to improve the viability and level of economic self-sufficiency of the ground include:

★ a review of current hiring charges

★ 44 corporate boxes — total cost of which will bring in \$2.6 million

★ 15-year leases for private boxes

★ improving the arena's roof to give more seats protection from rain

The item on top of the list will mean that the NSW Rugby League will be required to pay \$200,000, or twice what it now forks out, for the hire of the 40,000-seater ground.

Predictably, this has brought howls of protest from the NSWRL which is threatening to switch

its major fixtures elsewhere.

South Sydney and Eastern Suburbs, who play their club competition matches at the Sydney Football Stadium, will be exempt from the higher charges.

This proviso will also apply, no doubt, to the NSL's Sydney Olympic, the only Soccer club using the stadium as its home ground.

Whether Olympic stays at the stadium or decides to go elsewhere remains to be seen.

Soccer generally, however, will not be exempt from a higher ground rental if the Government's plan is implemented — and there is no reason to believe that it will not.

But this is still immeasurably preferable than to have no top ground at all for prestige games, as would probably have been the case had the Sydney Football Stadium been sold to a rival code.

So you can safely say that the NSW State Government did Soccer a favour, even if indirectly, by deciding to hold on to its troubled asset.

AIS seeks NSW League status

BY GRAHAM COOKE

THE Australian Institute of Sport's 34-page application for full membership of the NSW State League next season has been lodged, with coach Ron Smith and assistant Gary Cole once more preparing to convince clubs of their case.

It is a battle which they feel they should not have to fight.

Their contention is the AIS has a proven track record and any improvement in the standard of competition for its students will be to the long-term benefit of the game.

One thing remains clear: the arrangement this season whereby the institute plays Wednesday night friendlies against clubs from the league is unsatisfactory.

Already six matches

have been cancelled — the latest last week's against Inter Monaro.

The reasons are mostly the AIS's shortage of players through commitments to the Young Soccerers, but as Smith points out: "When you are playing on Wednesdays and the other teams are all playing on Saturdays, there is no chance of re-arranging the matches."

"The future of Soccer at the AIS appears to be secure. Now is the time

to move the institute into the best standard of competition available outside the NSL.

"With our home games against the Victorian League sides last year we proved we could draw people to Bruce Stadium. This season has been a disaster."

"For the most part, we are playing at Campbelltown which is neither home for us nor our opponents. We have been watched by the parents and friends of our Sydney-based youngsters, and that's about it."

"It is becoming apparent that with the notable exception of outstanding youngsters like John Markovski, players of 16, 17 and 18 are not ready for the first teams of NSL clubs. This is a good sign and shows the standard of our Soccer is rising."

"However, it makes the role of the AIS increasingly important in grooming players for the World Youth Championships."

Meanwhile, the AIS travelled to the NSW town of Deniliquin recently as part of its policy of taking Soccer to country areas.

Students conducted a coaching clinic with 120 children on the Saturday, followed by a dinner in the evening and an exhibition game against the local senior club the next day.



RON SMITH... AIS head coach

EDITOR

THERE have been suggestions from informed sources that the fruit of Ian Brusasco's term as Australian Soccer Federation president could well include the development of a period of financial stability in the code.

Should this occur, then Australian Soccer will ultimately be greatly in his debt.

When Brusasco took over in Queensland there is believed to have been some lack of planning in the financial area.

Towards the end of his period of office the QSF owns its excellent office and club property adjacent to Perry Park headquarters, and the overall position is one of good standing.

At this stage the Australian Soccer Federation's finances are deeply in the red.

It has been indicated that \$600,000 is to come from Pascoe Nally as the ASF's guarantee from the Bicentennial Gold Cup, and that will help.

The ASF has other outstandings, and it is believed that former president Sir Arthur George is prepared to provide assistance in clearing up the backlog.

Apart from these aspects, a new approach to international games in particular could make it no easier for the ASF to conduct tours by visiting clubs. Frankly, the ASF cannot continue on the basis of carrying a big debt burden.

Strict criteria for tours and difficult but realistic budgeting exercises will be the order of the day.

Australian Soccer must find the way to live within its means.

Running the ASF competently will be a far more difficult task than handling the QSF.

No doubt Brusasco is setting down plans and priorities at present, and the level-headed co-operation of all executive members will be vital.

A deal of goal-setting will be required at this weekend's ASF meeting.

Not the least item on the agenda is expected to be the appointment of the new executive director.

Whether the suggestion is inspired or not, QSF secretary Alan Vessey appears to have the running.

He has a good track record as an administrator and is believed to have demonstrated an ability to handle public relations as well.

But who actually gets the appointment remains to be seen.

At top level there is room for one promotional man handling Australian Soccer Federation and National Soccer League affairs in the sponsorship field.

It will be interesting to see if a sound promoter can be put into place in view of the game's financial circumstances.

As it stands the NSL appears to be moving towards summer Soccer, depending very heavily upon corporate support if they can do so.

That leaves a mid-winter gap which has been pencilled in for internationals and indoor Soccer.

The indoor side has potential but international games will require strong promotion.

The best dates for internationals which will capture wide public support in Australia are probably from late May to the end of June.

This overall situation will not arise until 1990, but a deal of planning and an allocation of responsibilities between the ASF, the NSL and the States will call for some outstanding teamwork if Soccer is to improve its position on the Australian sports scene.

NSW appointment

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

THE NSW Soccer Federation is seeking an outstanding appointee to act as Referees' and Schools Development Officer.

Ian Holmes, the Federation general manager, said: "The person we are looking for is just another part of the overall changes in strategies that are now taking place within the state organisation."

"His task will embrace many aspects that urgently need attention such as increasing the number of referees, as well as the quality levels."

"He will have to initiate and maintain a strong link with senior and junior Referees' Associations, high schools and

the schools systems generally as well as teacher training institutions.

"Additionally he will be required to develop and market programmes that will foster these aims."

"He should possess refereeing experience at a high level, and have media visibility with skills in teaching."

"It is envisaged that this man will be able to liaise with senior personnel, the media, schools, colleges and universities, and have the talent to communicate with audiences of varying sizes."



ASW's GREG BLAKE can be heard on the Arthur Higgins Sports Show 5-7pm weekdays

From page seven

presenting Gary Cole with one of the easier of the many goals he has put away in his career.

The lively Ray Junna forced a save from Krasnovic after being put through by Cole, but it was Macedonia who scored next.

Scott Hughes managed to shake himself free of Bryant long enough to crack in a shot. Kulcsar let the ball

through his hands and Rade Filipovic had no trouble in finishing off.

There was little change in the script after halftime, with Anthony Welbourne managing to chest off the line.

CANBERRA CROATIA: Kulcsar, R Junna, Florese, Mazis, Young, Bryant, Tanzey, Sermanni, Murray (Da Silva 82), Cole, C Junna (Alexandrakos 58).

WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA: Krasnovic, Alinger (Godzic 40), Hodson, Sweeney, Berringer, Popovski, Welbourne, Nastovski (Garaldi 65), Hughes, Slavieski, Filipovic.

NSL match programming

IN last week's issue, a deal of the carryover of our page one story to page eight on the subject of Wollongong City and the strange arrangement of the NSL semi-finals was placed on the page out of order.

We regret the mistake, but it remains appropriate to mention with clarity the point that was made concerning the programming of NSL matches, as we believe that the NSL did much less than was required by the Soccer public.

The points that were made were:

- At the start of the year the elimination and preliminary semi-finals were set down for August 14, but these were switched to allow for the Beach Fashions Cup final.

- The weekly continuity and publicity fired up for the grand final series was badly handicapped.

- The recently announced decision to give the games to the home states of the teams which finish highest.

- A dreadful corollary in which the 2.75 million population city of Melbourne has been left without a game in the series so far.

Had the Beach Fashions final been allocated to Melbourne, the two top five matches could have been big crowd-pullers in Sydney on Sunday week.

If that did not please the power brokers, then a Wednesday night final hopefully would have been possible with the sponsor's consent.

The way things have been done it is easy to calculate a loss of over \$50,000 compared with an approach that put the matches into better perspective.

The strange point is that the League's own coffers would have greatly benefitted from an enhanced share of the gate receipts.

Commonwealth Bank Cup Climax

BY JOHNNY WARREN

A record number of NSW High Schools entered this year's Commonwealth Bank Soccer (for boys) and Commonwealth Bank Soccer Shield (for girls) — 319 Boys High Schools and 268 Girls High Schools.

Now in its 27th year, the competition has grown from 28 entries back in 1962 when Maroubra Bay beat Drummoyne 1-0 in the final to a staggering number in 1988.

Thanks to the generous support of the Commonwealth Bank, the respective competitions are expected to see even more High Schools involved in 1989.

Many of our top players, like Craig Johnston, passed through the Commonwealth Bank Soccer competitions over the years.

From the original 28 entrants in 1962, the number grew to 115 in 1970, 259 in 1978, 294 last year and now 319 in the boys' competition.

More amazingly is the phenomenal growth in the girls' competition, which is relatively young compared with the boys'.

The finals for this year's respective competitions will be staged at Marconi Stadium on the evening of Thursday, August 25.

KIRRAWEE GIRLS

1. Renee Bartolo (goalkeeper), 2. Dale Bruce (leftback), 3. Jody Wingrove (centreback), 4. Vanessa Arthur (centreback), 5. Kadra Stanton (rightback), 6. Giselle McKinlay (c) (left midfield), 7. Kellie Bercford (centre midfield), 8. Suzie Tight (right midfield), 9. Sally Lewis (left wing), 10. Monika Eskucha (centre forward), 11. Elissa Coleman (right wing), 12. Laurel Ward (reserve), 13. Donna Curtis (reserve), 14. Heather Gardner (reserve).

DEFEATED: By: Strathfield South 3-0, Port Hacking 3-0, Jannali 1-0, Forster 4-0, Penrith 2-1.

CANTERBURY GIRLS

1. Percefonti Zafiropoulis (goalkeeper), 2. Wendy Sorenson (rightback), 3. Tracey Tzavellas (leftback), 4. Pia Cannella (centre back), 5. Maria Senzio (striker), 6. Olga Underwood (sweeper), 7. Georgina Patriadis (striker), 8. Olympia Houliaras (left midfield), 9. Dabeena Doyle (right midfield), 10. Penny Petridis (centre midfield), 12. Poppy Zafiropoulos (centre midfield), 11. Lilly Mendonca (reserve), 13. Voula Zarglas (reserve), 14. Raeshel Scott (reserve).

DEFEATED: Kingsgrove North 9-0, Beverley Hills 9-0, Sylvania 2-0, Heathcote 1-0, Springwood 3-2, Murray 1-0.

CARDIFF GIRLS

1. Angela Wahlstadt (goalkeeper), 2. Tina Wever (rightback), 3. Kim Wilson (left back), 4. Tai-Lee Muxlow (centre midfield), 5. Jane Long (left half), 6. Kirren O'Brien (centre back), 7. Lindy Bagelow (right midfield), 8. Susan Walton (left midfield), 9. Leisa Hutt (centre forward), 10. Belinda Locking (right wing), 11. Allison Harries (left wing), 12. Kristy Young (reserve), 13. Donna McKinney (reserve).

DEFEATED: Mt View 16-0, Morrisset 1-0, Swansea 5-0, Wallsend 11-1, Carlingford 3-1.

EAST HILLS GIRLS

1. Jodie Crimston (goalkeeper), 29. Kelly Robb (centre back), 2. Karen Poole (left back), 13. Karen Hibbert (right back), 25. Leanne Pope (sweeper), 22. Melinda Bullivant (left wing), 23. Raelene Campbell (right wing), 17. Helen Bruynius (left half), 6. Lyndall Conley (centre midfield), 19. Karina Byrne (right midfield), 11. Catherine Myles (centre forward), 8. Rebecca Bennett (reserve), 5. Catherine Frazer (reserve), 24. Mandy White (reserve).

DEFEATED: Bass 3-1, Sir Joseph Banks 3-1, Bankstown Girls 6-1, Birrong Girls 1-0, Beacon Hill 4-3, Bulli 3-2.



HURSTVILLE BOYS HIGH

1. Tom Golovodovski (goalkeeper), 2. Mays Shalak (right fullback), 3. Sasha Lazarevski (defence midfield), 4. John Kakakios (attack midfield), 5. Matthew Endemi (centreback), 6. John Sklias (sweeper), 8. Mark Babic (defence midfield), 9. Justin Tims (striker), 10. Steve Conlay (striker), 11. Zoki Adioski (attack midfield), 14. Jim Fengitis (left fullback), 16. Paul Argyros (reserve), 15. Robert Todorovski (reserve mid), Tommy Petranovic (reserve keeper).

DEFEATED: By: Sydney Boys 8-0, Canterbury Boys 3-1, Maroubra Junction 2-0, South Sydney 3-1, Cardiff 3-1, Holroyd 3-0.

CABRAMATTA BOYS

1. Ishmail Astika (goalkeeper), 2. Steven Milovanovic (fullback), 3. Jose Urrutia (fullback), 4. Miki Radenkovic (centreback), 5. Dragoslav Brankovic (sweeper), 6. Milan Romic (midfield), 7. Alex Aravena (midfield), 8. Aleks Romic (central midfield), 9. Ozcan Celik (central striker), 10. Hugo Portan (striker), 11. Ivan Maras (striker), 12. Jose Morales (reserve), 13. Ilker Omac (reserve), 14. Ariel Reynaud (reserve), 15. Mario Casuscelli (reserve), 16. Steven Jurisic (reserve keeper), 17. Vojislav Coso (reserve), 18. Anourak Boupraseuth (reserve).

Coach: George Haniotis.
DEFEATED: Casula 7-0, Fairfield 3-0, Prairiewood 4-0, Umina 3-1, Lake Illawarra 3-1.

THE 1988 SEMI FINALISTS

Commonwealth Bank Soccer Shield (Girls)

East Hills v Kirrawee (last year's finalists)
Canterbury v Cardiff

Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup

Hurstville v Cabramatta (1987 winners)
Drummoyne v JJ Cahill or Fairvale

SEMI-FINALS RESULTS

Hurstville 0 Cabramatta 1, East Hills 3 Kirrawee 0, Canterbury 3 Cardiff 1.

The other boys' semi-final, between Drummoyne and Fairvale, will be played this week.

PAST WINNERS & RUNNERS UP

1962	Maroubra Bay	Drummoyne	1-0
1963	Macquarie	Granville	2-1
1964	Wallsend	Maroubra Bay	2-0
1965	East Hills and Keira joint-winners		
1966	Cleveland Street and South Strathfield joint-winners		
1967	Booragul	Wallsend	4-3
1968	Newcastle Tech	Newcastle	4-0
1969	Booragul	Epping	4-0
1970	Berkeley	Newcastle	4-2
1971	Meadowbank	Fort Street	2-1
1972	Newcastle Tech	Booragul	5-1
1973	Newcastle Tech	Belmore	3-1
1974	Wallsend	Cumberland	3-0
1975	Wallsend and Booragul joint-winners		
1976	Bankstown	Cumberland	**pen
1977	Canterbury	Whitebridge	2-2**
1978	Normanhurst	Canterbury	2-1
1979	Normanhurst	Port Hacking	3-2
1980	Woonona	Tamworth	2-1
1981	Keira	Enmore	3-0
1982	Marsden	Punchbowl	1-0
1983	Kogarah	Marsden	1-0
1984	Epping	Henry Kendall	1-0
1985	Kogarah	Epping	1-1**
1986	Birrong	Epping	**pen
1987	Cabramatta	West Wallsend	2-1



TOP RIGHT: Cabramatta High players celebrate their 1987 Commonwealth Bank Cup win.
ABOVE LEFT: Action from the Girls' final at Marconi Stadium last season. ABOVE RIGHT: West Wallsend beaten by Cabramatta.

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Jetset Soccer Sixes Tournament

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

The inaugural JETSET SOCCER SIXES Tournament kicks off at glorious Surfers' Paradise on October 23 and runs through to October 30.

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Teams will arrive at the Gold Coast on Sunday October 23 and will be briefed by representatives from Jetset Tours (Qld) before being transferred by private coaches to their selected accommodation.

That same afternoon special buses will collect team managers and referees from their accommodation, and assemble them for a meeting at which they will be fully briefed on all aspects of the tournament.

Then it's off to a gala welcoming function for all the squads plus wives and supporters, after which there will be a huge spit roast barbeque with plenty of free beer, wine, soft drinks and entertainment.

On Monday Oct 24th the series begins in earnest, with the evening free to enjoy the spectacular night life of Surfers' Paradise.

Then on Tuesday Oct 25 the matches continue, whilst at night after dinner special buses will collect

all squads and take them to the lavish Jupiters Casino where each player will be given a 'Jetset Casino Kit' to try his or her luck.

Matches will be played on Wednesday, with the evening free. A Talent Quest will be held and all teams are invited to enter.

Thursday Oct 27 is a free day to explore the Gold Coast or go and visit the World Expo with admission tickets arranged by Jetset Tours (Qld), the ground operator, given to all participants in the tournament.

On Friday Oct 27 the tournament continues and the evening is free.

The Saturday morning has been reserved for shopping or lazing on the vast sunny golden beach.

After lunch, the Grand Finals of the three divisions will be played, at the conclusion of which cash prizes will be presented at an official ceremony.



That evening all squads will attend Dreamworld, Australia's finest entertainment and theme park complex.

On arrival the squads will receive drinks and savouries whilst they meander through the park enjoying all the rides and scenes.

Later in the evening and still at this magnificent location, a delicious dinner will be served with plenty of beer, wines and soft drinks plus live entertainment.

Regular shuttle services will transport teams back to their accommodation from the Soccer fields daily.

On Sunday October 30 it is time to say farewell to the Gold Coast as teams prepare for their return journeys home.

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Oceania Youth Challenge

BY LOU GAUTIER

THE New Zealand squad for the Youth World Cup Oceania preliminary round matches in Fiji includes a sprinkling of players with senior club experience.

New Zealand shapes up — again — as Australia's most formidable opponent for the round-robin, to be held from August 31 to September 10.

All Whites coach Tony Sibley has selected Tom Edge, Chris Jackson, Kenny Harlock and Larry Fitzpatrick — all well-performed with their New Zealand League clubs.

The remainder of the 18-man squad comes from leading regional league sides.

In that department at least, the All Whites may have an edge on their Aussie counterparts, whose experience at National League level is minimal.

The Young Socceros, however, will have benefitted immensely from their tough warm-up campaign in Jakarta, and must be favoured to come through.

Their next assignment on the road to Saudi

Arabia, hosts to the 1989 Youth World Cup, will be very much harder though.

They will have to link up with two Asian teams in another qualifying series to determine which country travels to the Persian Gulf next October.

To add to their misery, that tournament will be played in Asia.

Young Socceros coach Les Scheinflug was understandably upset at the Oceania Confederation's all too ready agreement to dispense with home-and-away matches at that crucial stage of elimination games.

The current crop of young Australian talent, on view in the sapping, trying conditions that prevailed in Indonesia last week, is well equipped to bury their critics.

Australia's proud record of having competed in all Youth World Cup finals since 1981 looks

like being continued despite the heavy odds.

The New Zealand squad for Fiji:

PLAYERS: David Harris (Rotorua City), Ian Malone (Mt Roskill), Andy Brown (Mt Wellington), Chris Wheeler (Waitemata City), Steve Toohey (Burdale Utd), Mark Atkinson (Lynndale), Matthew Jackson (Takapuna City), Shaun Broadley (Miramar Rangers), Kenny Harlock (Papatoetoe), Chris Jackson (Napier City), Steve Adams (Christchurch Utd), Steve Love (Stop Out), Lawrence Fitzpatrick (Waikato Utd), Wade Lunt (Sth Auckland Rangers), Julian Falloon (Christchurch Utd), Thomas Edge (Gisborne City), Shane Knowles (Oratia Utd), Jason New (Napier City).

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Chit Chat . . . Chit Chat . . . Chit Chat . . .

WHERE was **TERRY BUTLER** last Saturday morning? Retiring from football after 18 great years, Terry was down at Henley Park, Enfield in Sydney, delivering his young son for a game with Enfield Rovers under sixes. "They enjoy a bit of a run," said Terry.

VETERAN Bugsy Nyskohus looks likely to coach Adelaide City's Rothmans League side next year and will continue playing even though he now is 38.

Bugsy could answer the call to action if an emergency arose in the NSL side.

Nyskohus' likely last NSL game was the minor championship decider against South Melbourne at Olympic Sports Field. He played a record 294 matches with Adelaide City.

Nyskohus has been with City in the national competition since it started in 1977.

STAR Youth Soccer Mark Brazzale could be a target of Adelaide City.

His club Beograd looks likely to be relegated to the Second Division in SA next season and Brazzale probably would be keen to move to further his career.

He looks the ideal replacement for Aurelio Vidmar, who has said he wants to try his luck in Italy next season.

The Super League tried hard to attract the Socceros to Perth for a match against a WA select eleven this weekend.

Adding up all the financial requirements it was found that \$68,000 was needed to cover the cost associated with the trip.

An impossible sum it was claimed.

Not so said the Super League Chief Executive Nick Geronimos who proceeded to contact the business world and various Super League clubs.

Geronimos did his sums and in 24 hours found the backing to allow him a reasonable target to break even if only 3600 at \$10 a head turned up.

Unfortunately for WA, a discussion between the WA Federation and the Australian Soccer Federation ended with new chairman Ian Brusasco saying no to the trip.

Ollie's sad demise

Former Socceroo champion Peter Ollerton has been banned from the game for 10 years after being found guilty on a charge of violent conduct against referee Jin Fearn in a Victorian Second Division game.

Ollerton, 37, who returned to lower grade Soccer after ending an NSL coaching stint with Melbourne Croatia, was informed of the ban last Thursday morning and he has indicated he will appeal against the decision.

Ollerton faced the Victorian Soccer Federation tribunal last Wednesday evening on charges of using foul and abusive language and then using violent conduct against Fearn.

The 10-year ban means he cannot play, coach or officiate in any capacity in any league game within Australia.

Prior to the hearing, Ollerton indicated he would fight any decision to ban him from Soccer completely but conceded that he expected a life ban from actually playing.

But any suggestion that the big fair-haired former Socceroo could move interstate to continue his career in Soccer was refuted by George Wallace at VSF headquarters.

Wallace stated that the ban would effectively be world-wide.

"We inform the Australian Soccer Federation of the results, which in turn passes them on to FIFA if it deems it necessary", Wallace explained.

Ollerton, capped 55 times for Australia, has remained actively involved in the NSL until a spell as Melbourne Croatia coach ended late last year.

His name had been suggested many times as jobs have fallen vacant. Until last week's decision it was thought Ollerton's return to coaching in the State League or the NSL would be near certain.

Ollerton, although distressed by the result of last week's hearing, apologised to Fearn for the incident and stated he also wanted to apologise publicly.

— GREG BLAKE

SYDNEY CROATIA has been unlucky in that Manis Lamond's severe ankle injury has caused problems whilst the vital end-of-season games have been on. But the speedy flanker has so much to offer now, and will be one of the game's top players for many years to come.

ONE of the stars in the Young Socceroo side is striker **ZLATKO ARAMBASIC**. Currently with Canterbury-Marrickville Olympic in the NSW State League, he is certain to be going places in future.

FRANK FARINA certainly will head off for Europe when the right opportunity comes. But he claims that he is quite unaware of an offer being on the table from Mechelen, the Belgian club which currently holds the European Cup Winners' Cup.

WOMEN'S football has received a boost from FIFA, who have now made a firm decision to play the first ever World Women's championships in China. It is expected that the tournament will take place in late 1991.

IT seems that St George will miss their outstanding young talent **PEDRO RICOY** next season. At just 21, the quick-moving Ricoy has Socceroo potential written all over him. But he wasn't happy with the rewards and has paid out his contract and will shortly trial in Spain. He is Uruguayan-born, but came to Australia as a youngster and is a genuine St George product.

ANDREW ZINNI, the Brunswick Juventus and ex-Socceroo speedster, hopes for a bigger season next year. He is facing the likelihood of a groin operation to put things right.



HERE is an Open Letter to Stavros Pappas, general manager of Channel 10 (Adelaide), from Vic Migliaccio:

"Congratulations for obtaining the rights to televise the Olympic Games in Seoul.

"Going on the past Olympics, and to my disappointment, Soccer received very little coverage, or none at all.

"Los Angeles, four years ago, was the worst of all.

"However, as the Socceros have qualified for Seoul, all the Aussie matches, the semis and the final should be shown live.

"If, for one reason or another, your channel cannot show the games, may I suggest that SBS-TV be allowed to share the Soccer events."

Hear, hear!

APIA'S Peter Tredinick was somewhat downcast in missing playing in the Beach Fashions Cup final. It would have been his last game before retirement due to the pressure of his work as a solicitor.

What a challenge!

BY KEITH GILMOUR

IT'S a classic stand-off for the ill-fated **NSW Challenge Cup** final between **Marconi** and **Apia**.

Maybe it will be played early next season — perhaps never.

The NSW Federation wanted the game played on August 24; the NSL suggested next year.

The NSL view is that the final would interfere with the Top Five grand

final series.

Whilst that is so, the NSL has already shot itself in the foot over the grand final series, by playing matches on Tuesday and Wednesday nights instead of on Sunday.

A less than 1000 crowd at a Cup final. Tut, tut!

Surely, the NSW Federation let matters run too long.

NSW president John Constantine said: "This is the type of attitude

that cost NSW the State Bank sponsorship.

"If we don't get NSL co-operation, I don't want to be part of a competition again where we don't have control of the competing teams."

Reasonably successful Cup tournaments have been conducted in the past where the leading clubs from State Leagues, the Second Division leader, Newcastle and Illawarra have been given the chance to knock the big clubs off their perches.

What will happen next?

TABLE SOCCER

SYDNEY Table Soccer enthusiasts once again flocked to the North Shore to witness the first **Australian Table Soccer Association Doubles Cup** at the **North Sydney Anzac Club**.

Some of the best doubles combinations from the **Falconians** (North Sydney), **Blacktown**, **St George** and **Toongabbie** clubs entered, with the hosts, **Falconians**, naturally having a strong representation.

National champion **Gary Hosie** from the **Falconians**, together with the club's number three player, **Stephen Dettre**, took out the final, beating the com-

bination of **Paul Magee** (Blacktown) and **Frank Spanyk** (Falconians) 6-0.

While the scoreline may suggest a comfortable victory, the match was only 1-0 at halftime and it was not until the favourites held a 3-0 lead that they could confidently feel they had the game won.

The early rounds saw some gallant performances, most notably when **Mike Bewley** and **Mike Vaughan** (Falconians) held the highly rated **Dominic Grenot** and **John White** to a tense, exciting scoreless draw.

The **Australian Table Soccer Association** is constantly growing, with new clubs planned for the outer western suburbs.

GEORGE HANIOTIS, Sydney Olympic's Clubman of the Year, receives his presentation from club coach **Eddie Thomson**. Supervising the event is president **Ken Kotsapas** in the centre. Haniotis was extremely steady in central defence over the season.

MARCONI'S **Gerry Gomez** will be in Korea for the Olympic Games, as a representative of Sports Ministries and not as an Australian player. "I wouldn't mind a run if the occasion crops up," he jested, with a note of wistfulness in his voice.

AN Israeli agent suggested that \$120,000 to \$140,000 would be the right price for the transfer of **MIKE PETERSEN** from demoted **Brunswick Juventus** to Belgian club **FC Brugge**.

However, the capable Socceroo midfielder has spurned the offer and came up to Sydney to join the pre-Olympic Games camp which began in Sydney yesterday.

Petersen and the elegant **Oscar Crino** are two Socceros who have the potential to succeed in Europe.

FRANK AROK and **EDDIE THOMSON** are very keen to get the Socceros away for a South American tour. World Cup committee chairman **John Constantine** said: "The matter will go before Sunday's ASF executive meeting. I believe it will all depend on whether a deal could be struck that meant no costs for the ASF."

ALTHOUGH NSW Soccer Federation president **John Constantine** had little success in the recent Australian Soccer Federation ballots, his work for the Socceros has not gone unrecognised.



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Lions await Tahiti call

BRISBANE Lions players are anxiously awaiting a decision on whether Queens-



Russell Stewart shows his juggling skills. Rumour has it he may be Melbourne-bound in 1989.

land will take part in the South Pacific Cup in Tahiti in November.

Tahiti is to host the tournament which was staged in New Zealand last year with Auckland beating the Maroons in the final.

But the Tahitians have yet to give details of this year's series, which is expected to be held in Papeete in November.

The Lions players should again form a large part of the Queensland squad if they are fit. With the NSL season ending a week ago for them, the Lions players are anxious to determine whether they need to train on.

If the tournament is on, State coach Bruce Stowell is expected to name a train-on squad which will incorporate the Lions men.

The tour, if it goes ahead, could be a Maroon farewell for a number of players.

Russell Stewart has been linked in a move to Preston while Jason Kearton has indicated he will head overseas for trials.

Former AIS students David Clarkson and Alex Cummings are others among the Lions squad members who

could head south. Offers have also been forthcoming for former Perth goalscorer Frank Cole.

Nick Meredith, whose deflected shot gave Queensland a 1-0 win over NSW in the annual interstate clash this year, is another tipped to receive southern approaches for next season.

A number of XXXX League clubs are expected to make moves for Lions players, especially long-serving stalwarts Alan Niven and John Ogden.

THE eligibility rules for Ampol Cup games will be reviewed for next season following the Archie Fraser controversy which surrounded the climax of Queensland's state-wide knockout competition last week.

Fraser, the Gold Coast Gamblers captain, was suspended, then permitted to play when the QSF was forced into making a reversal of the rules in re-

ITALIAN building skills are set to bankroll Brisbane City's push for promotion back into the National League.

The club has embarked on a house-building programme using the varied trades of some 110 members and already has sold its first "club house" for a staggering \$185,000.

It took just three months for 30 Brisbane City members to erect the spacious split-level

home on a well-sited block built in boom dress-circle suburb Carindale.

The settlement for the sale of the house went through last week.

Under the direction of builder Angelo Pappa, City called on the bricklayers, tilers, painters and electricians within their legions of Italian-descended fans to give a day's work. And, presto, the house was whipped into shape.

Club president Angelo Pappalardo said the profit from the sale of

the house would help finance City's bid for the promotion play-offs. He revealed the club had budgeted nearly \$30,000 for the venture.

"It's going to be expensive, but the house project is just one of a number of fund-raising schemes we have been planning," he said.

"We have thought carefully about the financial aspect of going back to the National League and this time we have everything under control."

Gold Coast controversy

lation to suspensions.

Had the Federation not backed down, North Star could have rightly claimed the trophy on forfeit as it was revealed that Gold Coast had erred three times on the road to the final if the Federation rule stood.

Fraser was sent off in a Gold Coast club game the weekend prior to the cup final against North Star and was subsequently outed for one week by the Gold Coast Soccer Federation Disciplinary. The QSF ruled that the suspension would apply for the cup final.

QSF executive director Alan Vessey made

the ruling on the basis that there could not be two standards for the teams involved in the cup final. He pointed out that had a North Star player been sent off in the preceding XXXX League game, under long-standing QSF rules, he would have missed the next match which in this case was the cup final.

But the twist was in that Gold Coast is a regional representative team invited to play in the Ampol Cup. Gold Coast officials considered any suspensions incurred by players in their local competition should be served in the

same league and not by missing a representative game.

The QSF's decision to alter their ruling and permit Fraser to play came when Gold Coast officials revealed that Lee Hosier, Andrew Aitken and John Georgeff had played earlier rounds for the Gamblers while serving local suspensions.

In effect, had the QSF not backed down, the Gamblers' first round win over Grange Thistle and semi-final victory over North Queensland would have been ruled 0-3 losses and the entire cup would have been in turmoil.

Mt Gravatt buries brick shed image

MOUNT Gravatt this weekend will officially open their clubhouse after more than 15 years of patient waiting by their fans.

Grand plans for a clubhouse were mooted when the club first switched to Dittmer Park from the Showgrounds. But despite the hard-working efforts of a band of club supporters and officials, the most the club ever erected was its now-famous (infamous?) Besser brick shed.

The shed eventually became an embarrassment for the club, which went on to be one of the most successful on the field of play during the State League days.

The new clubhouse, although a long time coming, is a credit to the determination of club officials. The functional low set design brick building is located between the club's two fields and is proving a great hit with fans and visitors to Dittmer Park.

Mount Gravatt will be hoping to officially christen the clubhouse with a win over Taringa.

The Hawks finally shook off their dismal form with a 1-0 win over Grange Thistle in their last round XXXX League fixture. It was Mt Gravatt's first win in eight games.

The horror stretch sent the team tumbling towards relegation — a possibility few have ever considered for the great club.

Modest Carson

GREG RUSSELL

Brisbane City coach Matt Carson believes his team's chances of winning the National League promotion play-offs will be enhanced by their expected early premiership victory in the Queensland XXXX League.

City are expected to seal the premiership this weekend — a full three rounds before the end of the season.

After a two-horse race with North Star, City skipped clear over the past fortnight as North Star hit a bumpy patch.

Most experts have been amazed with the ease of City's league win, particularly after last season when North

Star and City pushed Lions to the last game before they won the title by a single point.

City's early premiership wrap-up is probably more of an indictment on the standard of the league this season than anything else.

It is Carson's third Queensland top division premiership and City's first in more than 12 years.

Carson is just too modest when he does not claim the credit which is undeniably his for bringing the team to the top of the ladder.

"Players win championships, not coaches", he says. "I have just done what I have always done. If the players do their jobs, and everyone works hard, then success will come fairly easily."

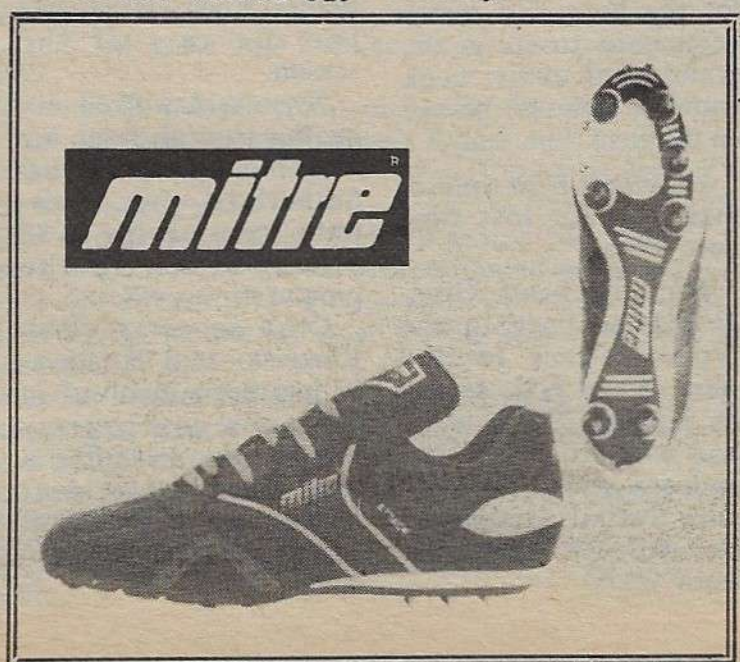
While the grand final

would be a nice addition to their premiership, Carson is adamant the NSL play-offs is the next target.

Brisbane City this Sunday hosts Olympic United for the second time in a week as the two clubs clashed in a rescheduled washed out

fixture only last Sunday.

Other XXXX League games this weekend include: Rochedale v Redlands, Brisbane Croatia v Easts, Ipswich United v Grange Thistle, Mt Gravatt v Taringa R — all on Sunday — and North Star v Coalstars at Perry Park at 8.30pm Monday.



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Northern NSW News and views

The
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FROM DAVE WILLIAMS

THE BENCHMARK Building Supplies Cup, in its inaugural year, has reached the semi-final stage, with the first of the two play-off games between Adamstown Rosebud and Belmont-Swansea United due last night - too late for the result to appear in this issue.

The second semi-final, between North Coast Premier League and Lake Macquarie City, will be played at Dixie Park, Port Macquarie, on Sunday, August 28. Kick-off time will be 2.00 pm.

This semi-final, was scheduled for Coffs Harbour but was transferred to Port Macquarie at the request of the sponsor.

No date has been set nor has a venue been chosen for the final.

Prizemoney of \$1500 awaits the cup winner and the original Benchmark Cup will become the permanent possession of the club.

The beaten finalist will receive \$750.

THE NORTHERN NSW teams to contest the National Under-13 and Under-14 Championships have been chosen and approved by the Federation but the names of the boys selected will not be published until next week.

Letter informing the players of their selection did not go out until this week and, since the Federation's policy is that team selections are not made public until the players have been notified, official publication was delayed.

ILLAWARRA BEAT

ILLAWARRA clubs are again involved in a mad scramble to avoid relegation from the Premier League, but even if a team finished out of the bottom two they could face the big drop.

Under the ISA policy, teams play in the Premier League under invitation so anything can happen as Warilla Wanderers, Mittagong and Tarrawanna fight

for survival.

Tarrawanna secretary Bea Tomlinson said this week it would be a tragedy if her club went down. "We have had a poor season on the field,

Northern NSW Viewpoint

I refer to your editorial comment (ASW 3.8.88) which implies that the establishment of Northern NSW as a football "State" in its own right and a voting member of the Australian Soccer Federation, was a mistake on the part of the administrators of the day.

Your stated view in that issue was untimely, to say the least, since five days after publication of that issue, the Northern NSW Soccer Federation directors were due to meet directors of the Northern NSW Amateur organisation to discuss the possibility of their organisation's re-affiliation with the Federation.

Whether your observations had any

effect on the meeting was not evident and the two organisations have agreed to meet on September 25.

However, the "two-State" policy adopted by the Australian Soccer Federation has produced no detrimental consequences.

In fact, over the past few years, the Northern NSW Federation has been an innovator, having been the first State Federation to become

incorporated and the first State Federation to introduce computerised office procedures.

Northern NSW is, on a per capita basis, the third largest "State" affiliated with the ASF.

It owns its headquarters in Newcastle and is having architectural plans completed for the establishment of a first-class football field and community complex in the Lake Macquarie City Council area.

The Federation is expanding its competitions to more northerly areas of the State with the introduction this year of the Benchmark Building Supplies Cup, and the involvement of the Hastings/Manning teams in the Coca-Cola Junior

Super League.

Northern NSW, for decades, has been one of, if not the best, of breeding grounds for Australian Soccer and, the Hunter area in particular, has produced more Australian Youth and Senior representatives than Tasmania, South Australia, Western Australia, ACT and Queensland combined.

These facts alone, we believe, outweigh your reasons for NSW reverting to one-State membership of the ASF.

Northern NSW stands by its record of achievement over many years and will continue - as it has done since its formation - to support the Australian Soccer Federation in its efforts

to reach its planned objectives.

Narelle Dean
Secretary

(For and on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Northern NSW Soccer Federation Ltd).

[This writer's concern that NSW be one state as soon as possible revolves around a sincere desire to see NSW become the power in Soccer that it should be.

I believe no other sport would go along with having a split state.

When the change comes, I am sure Newcastle will have a far more important role to play than it does now.

Then there will be properly laid out regions in country football, enabling the code as a whole to bond together in the greatest organisation that Australian Soccer has ever seen.

Keen Northern NSW friends are entitled to their viewpoint, but I consider Soccer cannot wait too much longer to see a properly organised setup in NSW.

— Edj

ACT

Nostalgia revisited

JUVENTUS striker Danny Serena paused for a moment before heading off into the night.

"What a result! It was just like the old days," he said.

His team had just beaten runaway league leader Croatia Deakin 2-1 to win a place in the final of the ACT Federation Cup and, for a few minutes at least, it did indeed seem the clock had been turned back to the time when Juventus dominated ACT Soccer.

For Croatia, defeats have been rare over the past few seasons and there could have been an element of over-confidence contributing to the result at a bleak, cold Australian Institute of Sport.

The champion was blitzed with two goals in the opening three minutes.

Frank Madaffari put all his considerable strength behind a drive which goalkeeper Dennis Maricic could only parry.

The ball bounced loose for the cool, experienced Abdul Mana'an to nod gently into the unguarded net.

And if that wasn't enough to set the Juventus supporters in motion, just 40 seconds later it was Serena himself cutting down the left, outstripping his marker to blast home an unstoppable shot.

But within five minutes, Croatia had hit back. Bernie Lustica crossed and Tony Leme-zina, sneaking in behind the defence, scored from close range.

Three goals in eight minutes — and there was more drama to come when Michael Tuilawa was judged to have brought down Zoran Pratezina in the penalty area.

A Croatia equaliser seemed a formality, but Luis Salgado sent the spot kick wide!

— GRAHAM COOKE

Adamstown is close

ADAMSTOWN Rosebud needs only a point from a draw with Highfields Azzurri next Sunday to clinch the Northern NSW State First Division premiership from West Wallsend.

But, if Adamstown should lose to Azzurri without scoring in the match at Adamstown Sports Ground and West Wallsend beats Belmont-Swansea United in the

match at Blacksmiths, West Wallsend could take the title on goal difference.

Last weekend's results in the division were: Adamstown Rosebud 1 (David Rawle) Central Coast 0, Belmont-Swansea 1 (Ian Tressider) Wallsend 1 (Peter Bush), West Wallsend 2 (Paul Waddingham, Bernard Ryan) Weston 1 (Dave Miller), Highfields Azzurri 1 (Rick Bucci) Cardiff 1 (Peter Budden), Stockton 2 (Tom Spence, Michael McGovern) Lake Macquarie City 1 (Rob Benbow).

FIRST GRADE	
Adamstown R/bud	16 11 3 2 25 10 36
West Wallsend	16 10 3 3 26 10 33
Weston Wkrs B	16 8 1 7 23 20 25
Highfields Azzurri	14 8 0 6 22 17 24
Lake Macquarie C	16 6 4 6 21 18 22
Belmont-S Utd	16 6 4 6 18 18 22
Cardiff	16 5 3 8 19 29 18
Wallsend	16 5 2 9 13 24 17
Central Coast Ass	14 4 2 8 14 24 14
Stockton	14 3 0 11 15 26 9

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West Wallsend	16 10 4 2 29 12 34
Lake Macquarie C	16 9 4 3 26 11 31
Weston Wkrs B	16 8 2 6 21 19 26
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Robert Giraldi, seen here tangling with Marshall Soper, is now contemplating a move from Wollongong to Unanderra in '89.

Unanderra's all-out bid for '89 glory

BY PHIL MURPHY

UNANDERRA are hoping to have Wollongong City striker Robert Giraldi leading their attack in an all-out assault on the Premier League championship next season.

This ambitious plan depends on how well Giraldi recovers from the broken leg which kept him out of the Wolves' side this season.

The talented striker cum-midfielder suffered the injury against Marconi at Brandon Park and had to have a plate inserted in the lower part of his leg.

After watching Wollongong win the NSL minor premiership, Giraldi said he isn't sure what the future holds.

"Unanderra have big plans for next season and I have been helping them out from the sideline this year," he said.

"Being assistant-coach to Ron Sattin has helped me stay involved in the game, and they are a good club."

Giraldi has started running on the beach

and is keeping his fingers crossed the leg will be strong enough to handle the rigours of the National League.

He said he can't explain just how disappointing it was for him sitting out the season while the team have been doing so well.

"I was really pleased for the boys, but it has been hard to sit in the grandstand every week knowing I should be out on the field," he said.

"Maybe I'll be able to make up for lost time next season."

If the leg heals, Giraldi will be back in the Wolves attack for the start of the NSL season on January 22, but if he has any doubts, Unanderra could sign the very lethal striker to play Premier League for many years.

cently, but it was a day they want to forget.

Secretary Ivan Spanicek said things went wrong all day.

"The big problem was with referees because officials on the Southern Highlands don't handle ISA games this season," Spanicek said.

"Club officials have to handle the under 19 games, but fortunately Illawarra referee Mario Mastroianni appeared later and controlled the other two games."

Even so, club linesmen were in action for these two games.

Croatia picked up one or two injuries in first grade and fullback Nicky Greathead didn't even get onto the field.

His wife became ill before the game and he had to take her to a nearby hospital where it was discovered she was suffering from pleurisy.

Greathead's absence meant Mirko Sola had to play in first grade after having a full game in the reserve.

★★★

Wollongong Macedonia have suspended midfielder Zivko Hristovski for the rest of the season.

Hristovski walked out on the club an hour before their game against Sutherland after a dispute over paying a \$5 entrance fee to the ground for his wife.

Club secretary Bob Kezovski said Hristovski has been involved in previous controversy this season, including a shirt-throwing incident during the first round match against Sutherland.

"It was a unanimous decision that he be suspended until the end of the season," Kezovski said.



Hristovski still claims he should not have had to pay for his wife as his father bought a family pass to Macedonia games at the start of the season.

★★★

Fairy Meadow Italia winger Ron Van der Voorde won't be hanging his boots up next season.

It has been generally thought that he would quit after one season in the Sydney Second Division, but Van der Voorde will have another year in the ISA.

"I always promised myself a season in Sydney before I retired, and I have really enjoyed it with Italia," he said.

"Now I think I will have another go with an ISA club."

He isn't saying which club, but Bulli are naturally hoping he will return 'home' to them.

"If Lysaghts win promotion to State League, they could attract him to play with them while Fernhill might also be in the race."

— PHIL MURPHY

The State Story

Alan Clark reviews the Soccer scene in ... SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Polonia set to soar

TEAM manager Joe Larecki believes Polonia could be the boom side in SA next season.

"This is the strongest side we have had in the six years I've been team manager or secretary here," said Larecki.

"I'm sure we can keep the squad together next year. We'll take some beating. It's taken time for us to gel, but 1989 could be a good year."

★★★

SIX imports were on show when Hellas and Polonia met in a cup semi and Hellas coach Alby Kidd was in no doubt whose performed better.

"Polonia's trio was much better than ours," said Kidd, who, incidentally, was one of the imports on show.

The others were Martin Doak and Raymond Blair, of Hellas, and Polonia's Mariusz Niewiadomski, Pawel Wiczorek and Eddie Lonka.

★★★

SPECULATION is mounting on who will win this year's Rothmans Medal for SA Best and Fiest.

David Doorne of Polonia could set the record for being the first to win the medal twice. He was successful last year.

But he could face opposition from Steve Amos (Campbelltown), Ian Cole and Duane Gray (Modbury), Bernie Bridges (Lion) and Alby Kidd (Hellas).

★★★

GIANT Birkalla Eagles youngster Douglas Pateron has arrived in Scotland to try to further his blossoming career.

The State under-15 defender will have initial trials with Dundee.



Adelaide Whispers

ADELAIDE City colts coach Fabio DeLuca is predicting a big future for two of his charges. So, take note of the names Nick Scott and Joe Guastella. They could be NSL men of the future.

★★★

PARA Hills strongman midfielder Mark Harvey will miss the rest of the season.

He fractured two ribs in a mid-air collision with Croatia goalkeeper Howie Jacques.

But there is better news for Para with Mike Kelly making a comeback in the Reserves.

Kelly, a big signing for the club from Elizabeth, has not played for Para after sustaining a serious knee injury.

But he now is an assistant coach of former Soccer-oo Martyn Crook and has fought his way back to fitness and is starting to play in the sweeper role with the reserves, whom he coaches.

★★★

HELLAS coach Alby Kidd did not sit around to ponder his side's PGH Cup semi-final loss to Polonia. He went for a break up the River Murray to holiday resort Blanchetown.

Kidd came back refreshed and said he was not worried if his side had to face several NSL players in Adelaide City's line-up when they meet on Saturday at Hindmarsh.

"We've already beaten their NSL boys in the Ampol Cup so I don't see why we cannot do it again," said Kidd.

★★★

CAMPBELLTOWN is scheduled to leave for its tour of Poland on September 8.

The Red Devils are due to play Lechia Gdansk and Legia Warsaw.

The SA side will meet Legia a week before they play Bayern Munich in the UEFA Cup.

"Bringing this trip to fruition has been a revelation in self-help," said Campbelltown coach Dave Jenkins.

"Everybody has been working together to make it happen. It's a trip we all are looking forward to."

★★★

ROTHMANS League club Port Adelaide is likely to merge with amateur club Adelaide United.

Port chief Len Alagich has called a meeting of the club members for August 21 to vote on the matter.

"The merger would give us 500 more members and that's something no club can miss out on," said Alagich.



Second Division pacesetter Port Adelaide can thank a 'league of nations' for its success. The Port is Aussie down to its blue vest and schooner of beer. And the Magpies largely are Australian-born. But they come from a cosmopolitan background. Pictured are the men with a mission to win promotion to the First Division. They come from no less than nine different ethnic backgrounds.

The line-up is: Back Row (from left) — S. Tsentidis (Greek), R. Urganjek (Yugoslav), P. Kastelan (Yug), A. Cseh (Yug-Hungary), M. Matovic (Yug); Middle Row (from left) — Coach I. Zafran (Yug), A. Miller (Scotland), Z. Bilandzic (Yug), R. Migliaccio (Italy), H. Zisis (Greek), W. Holyhrim (Ukraine), A. Baines (England), T. Calleja (Malta); Front Row (from left) — T. Cseh (Yug-Hungary), B. Miskov (Yug), A. Badounas (Greek), P. Bond (Yug), E. Gruber (Austria), J. Tsalafo (Greek). Absent: J. Turnbull (Scotland) and W. Jovanovic (Yugoslavia).

Crunch game for Croatia

SOUTH Australia's crown for 1988 could be won and lost on Saturday.

Leaders Croatia face the most crucial test of their character at home to Polonia.

Croatia fought their way to a cliffhanging 4-3 Rothmans League win last weekend against Lion and must get at least a draw against import-inspired Polonia the only the side they haven't beaten this season.

Adelaide Hellas trounced Birkalla in a fiery match last week thanks to a Gary Price hat-trick.

But with key defender Martin Doak sitting out the action this Saturday against Adelaide City through suspension Hellas hopes are in the balance.

City should field three NSL men and the keen rivalry between the Adelaide giants should see a bumper crowd at Hindmarsh.

Campbelltown slipped into third spot last week even without four regulars and will be too strong for relegation worried Lion.

Beograd were relegated with defeat last week, but pride will be on the line against second bottom Cumberland.

If Cumberland win there survival hopes will brighten and that spur should see them home.

Para Hills surprisingly fell easily to Campbelltown last week and will struggle for any joy away to derby rivals Modbury.

Birkalla will miss Mike Genikas who broke a leg last week. With Graham Honeyman still missing Birkalla will struggle to get any reward from improving Salisbury.

Croatia 31, Hellas 29, Campbelltown 23, Birkalla 23, Salisbury 22, Adelaide City 20, Polonia 19, Para Hills 18, Modbury 16, Lion 15, Cumberland 13, Beograd 11.

Gold Coast wins Queensland Ampol

GOLD COAST GAMBLERS coached by Regional Director of Coaching, Jim Selby, took out Queensland's Ampol Cup Final 4-2 in extra time in a thrilling clash against North Star.

The first session ended scoreless, then six goals were rifled in over the last 105 minutes that had the crowd of almost 2,000 screaming with excitement.

With just eight minutes left of normal time, the Gold Coasters led 2-1

with goals fired in from Peter Dwyer and Paul Halford. But North Star's Jerry Lindsay delayed celebrations when he equalised, necessitating extra time.

Dwyer and Halford both scored again during the extra period for Gold Coast to burn ahead 4-2 and take the Cup.

North Star's other goal was scored by Billy Williamson.

Star Socceroo personality, Frank Farina, presented the winners with their winners' medals.

JOHN ECONOMOS

NSW U16 Women's Success

NSW U16 misses came away as AWSA National U16 champions at the titles held in Melbourne last month.

NSW beat Northern NSW 4-1, Tasmania 5-0, Queensland 2-0, Victoria 3-0, ACT 5-1 to remain undefeated.

Rebecca Scott was top scorer in the tournament with 11 goals. She was selected in the AWSA U16 squad along with Justine Fisher, Jane Hornsby, Kaye Yardin, Andrama Scarvelli and Colleen Chifton.



UNDER 16 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
MELBOURNE 1988

NEW SOUTH WALES: UNDEFEATED WINNERS

Back: J. Fisher, S. Hodgins, K. Yardin, L. Stedman, S. Czech, J. Hornsby. Middle: R. Pratt (manager), C. James (coach), S. Misuraca, J. Cornford, R. Boxsell, C. Page, T. Le Grande W. Boyden (physio). Front: N. Bonnyman, M. Redding, C. Clifton, R. Scott, A. Scarvelli.

NSW SCHOOLS

THE big news on the Shoalhaven junior soccer scene is the history-making performance of the Bomaderry Primary School open soccer team.

The team, coached by Lyn Want, became the first Shoalhaven side ever to win through to the last 16 in the state in the Mitre Shield Knockout competition.

After wins against Sanctuary Point, Bega and Mt Warrigal, Bomaderry met Lake-lands in the regional final for the right to be the 1988 South Coast Regional Champions.

The game was played in Wollongong and Bomaderry won 1-0, with a goal by Nathan Shoemark which was scored from a Jamie Thomas corner.

Bomaderry play Riverina at home and the winner will enter the quarter-finals of this prestigious event.

At this stage there are 11 regional champions. There will be three play-offs to reduce this number to the eight required for the quarter-finals.

South Coast has been drawn against Riverina; Metropolitan East against Metropolitan West, and North West against North Coast.

The semi-finals and final will be held in Sydney on August 23.

In last week's regional



BOMADERY PUBLIC SCHOOL Mitre Shield Open team: Back l to r: Lyn Want, Adam French, Joshua Gallagher, Sam Toohey, Glen McLaren, Trent Smith, Joshua Boughton. Front: Anthony Field, David Thomas, Nathan Shoemark, Tim Campbell, Paul Hodges, Scott Field, Jamie Thomas.

final the Bomaderry team showed great determination. It was their will to win which made the difference between the two sides.

Coach Lyn Want said that she never felt more pride in a team as the boys showed tremendous courage, especially in the second half, and special

mention must be made of David Thomas and Anthony Field.

— from SHOALHAVEN AND NOWRA NEWS

Grounds for complaint

SPARE a thought and shed a tear for the tragic fate of one of the more dazzling venues an Australian Soccer team has ever played on.

I am referring to Tehran's 100,000-capacity Aryamehr Stadium, once the pride of Asian sport — built for the 1974 Asian Games — which was packed to the rafters for its official opening when Australia played Iran in their World Cup qualifier in August, 1973.

The stadium still stands, but has fallen into a shocking state of disrepair — and disrepute.

The vast Aryamehr complex is now one huge concentration camp, used by the Iranian regime to herd thousands of Iraqi prisoners, captured during the murderous 10-year war between the two Middle Eastern neighbours.

The once impeccably manicured turf on which Rale Rasic's Socceroos withstood almost inhuman pressure to preserve the three-goal advantage they had brought with them from Sydney is now a stench-filled dustbowl.

The elegant change rooms probably serve as not too genteel interrogation chambers, while the goalposts, no doubt, are used as clothes lines for the unkempt inmates...

And gatekeepers, of course, have long since been replaced by gun-toting Islamic guards.

Alas, Iran is not the first, nor unfortunately the last, in this sacrilegious abuse of football grounds.

Over the years, many such lavish stadiums have been built around the world with something more sinister than football in mind.

In 1973, Santiago's Stadio Nacional, site of the 1962 World Cup final, was transformed into a giant internment camp for political oppo-

nents of the triumphant military junta which overthrew President Salvador Allende.

In the late fifties and early sixties, when President Sukarno held sway in Indonesia, the Soviet Union all but donated Jakarta's impressive 70,000-seater Senayan stadium, which was promptly used for massive military parades and political rallies.

The stadium, in which the Young Socceroos played last week, has rarely been filled for Soccer, but Sukarno's henchmen had no trouble packing it with adoring, chanting throngs at mass meetings — and most were even paid to show up!

Saigon's much more modest stadium was, of course, used by the South Vietnamese to round up Viet Cong prisoners.

Later, the shoe was on the other foot, so to speak, as it was the turn of the victorious North Vietnamese — when they "liberated" Ho Chi Minh City — to intern South Vietnamese loyalists there.

Seoul's old Soccer ground, now superseded by the magnificent Olympic Stadium, has served on many occa-



Atti Abonyi in action for the Socceroos in their 1973 3-0 victory over Iran in Sydney.

sions as a forum where the country's rulers could address overflow crowds of up to 45,000.

Even Naples' venerable Fuorigrotto hasn't escaped such a fate.

In the dying days of World War II, when the Neapolitans staged their uprising, the Germans locked demonstrators and partisans into the ground — and dozens of resistance fighters were machine-gunned to death on the terraces.

Luckily, Australia's grounds are preserved for sport only.

The rare attempts to use them for political meetings have proved an embarrassment — hardly anyone showed up — and the idea was smartly shelved.

Our empty stadiums are proud symbols of our democracy: they cannot be filled by cajoling or by force.

Olympic Dilemma

Yugoslavia's national team at the Olympics will make Australia's

task that much harder.

Frank Arok, when informed of this, took hyperbole to new heights by claiming it was Australia's Gold Cup exploits which had prompted his former country to move in that direction.

The truth is that it would have been foolish of Yugoslavia not to avail itself of its right to fill its team with internationals since it was a non-qualifier for the 1986 World Cup finals.

In this respect, Yugoslavia is only following in Australia's footsteps: our World Cup and Olympic team are inseparable.

Australia's second appearance at the Olympics may also be our last for some time.

As of 1992, the Olympic Soccer tournament will only be open to

players who will be under 23 years of age when the Games kick off in Barcelona, in August 1992.

Even some of the current Young Socceroos may be too old then.

With limited chances of success, and another tough qualifying road to hoe to get to the final 16 in Barcelona, it remains to be seen if the Australian Soccer Federation will even bother entering a team next time round.

Sideline Coaches

The American Youth Soccer Organisation (AYSO), America's largest junior Soccer association with a mainly California-based membership of 400,000, is seriously considering banning parents as spectators at events where

their children are competing.

Just as the average parent is not allowed to storm into a classroom to abuse his child's teacher, hysterical sideline coaches would be barred from Soccer fields.

A new approach to an old problem, indicating American parents behave in similar fashion to their Australian counterparts.

The US idea does have some merit as we all know the damage some rampaging mums and dads can cause to their terrorized kids as they scream contradicting instructions and advice.

However, it may not be that simple to ban them from grounds as spectators because most parents have to drive their offspring to and from games.

It would be unreasonable, not to mention unconstitutional, not to stay for the match.

So basically, in Australia, it is a transport problem — a problem that can easily be remedied.

All junior associations could arrange for an eminent coach, medical expert or an active player — a current Socceroo would be ideal — to explain to parents what sort of a reaction their sideline rantings and ravings cause in their children.

Instead of banning, let's educate.

NUMBERS' GAME

OCEANIA contributes 1.45 percent of FIFA's finances — and Europe 74.8 percent — according to a survey by Sporting News Service, a West German financial consultant group.

The survey shows that despite the prominence of South Americans in international Soccer and the emergence of Africa and Asia, Europe has remained the stronghold of club football.

Clubs affiliated to FIFA through national footballing associations: Europe 73%, Asia 10%,

South America 8%, Africa 5%, North and Central America 3%, Oceania 1%.

Teams taking part in national championships: Europe 68%, South America 10%, North and Central America 9%, Asia 5%, Africa 5%, Oceania 3%.

WHY WASTE WHISTLERS?

BY FRANK SCICLUNA

ONE of the most ludicrous rules in Soccer will again come to the fore next year.

The final whistle of the 1989 season will signal the end of a career which has taken Don Campbell to the very top of Australia's

refereeing ranks.

Not because Campbell wants to give it all away or because he is no longer capable of carrying on, but simply because of a hard and fast rule which forces referees to retire once they reach the age of 50.

Players can go on playing for as long as their form warrants it; coaches can continue coaching without having

to produce a birth certificate and officials are allowed to retain their positions without any age restrictions.

So why are referees the sole victims of such nonsense?

No-one will ever dispute the fact that physical and mental fitness are absolutely crucial in a referee's ability to maintain a required standard, but wealth of

experience which can only be gained over many years is also a vital element.

Referees are no different from anyone else: it's not unreasonable to suggest that irrespective of age, an individual can be in far better condition than another man five years his junior.

Don Campbell is still widely regarded as one of our leading referees.

He was voted referee of the year for the last three successive seasons, and if he doesn't take out the award again this year he will certainly be well in the running.

Chris Bambridge is also fast approaching this ridiculous compulsory retirement age, so suddenly Soccer will lose two of its leading referees.

In the last few years, we have been deprived of the likes of Tony Boskovic, Doug Rennie and Stuart Mellings while they were still in their prime.

It is high time to reassess this absurd rule!

Referees, just like everyone in the game, should be allowed to continue for as long as they are good enough to do their job, irrespective of age.

Give them a tougher medical examination as they get older; let inspectors scrutinise their performance far more closely, but, for goodness sake, don't throw

them on the scrapheap while are willing and more than able to carry out their duties.

Summer Soccer

The likelihood of summer Soccer becoming a reality in 1989/90 has once again allowed its opponents to ridicule this bold move with cynical and false fabrications.

"Soccer is traditionally a winter sport", they want to argue.

Cricket also had a long tradition of being a five-day game played in white uniforms, but look how a dramatic break with tradition has transformed a dying sport!

"Who wants to watch Soccer in 30-degree heat?" they ask, conveniently forgetting that nobody has ever proposed playing matches on a summer afternoon.

Let's get the whole thing into perspective.

Forget this "Summer Soccer" tag and make it clear for all concerned by branding it "Summer Evening Soccer" or, better still, "Night Football".

If people can accept that the traditional afternoon games are being switched to evening kick-offs, they may be able to recognise the benefits of such a change.

Given the choice of

watching Soccer on a cold, miserable winter night as against a pleasant, balmy summer evening, most people in their right mind will surely opt for the latter.

"Why switch to night games in the first place?", the die-hard traditionalists may well ask.

Not an unfair question, but the truth quite simply is that Soccer in this country has become a participant rather than a spectator sport.

Therefore, why not give these thousands of active Soccer followers an opportunity of seeing the very best that our game has to offer?

They cannot do it on a winter afternoon while they are playing themselves. And venturing outdoors in cold temperatures is not very appealing.

So what can be more logical than "Night Football" played in summer?

Arguments against summer night Soccer have really got nothing to do with high temperatures.

That's just a smoke screen for people who are loath to break with tradition.

That's fine: traditional values are quite often worth preserving, but we cannot allow tradition to stand in the way of using "Night Football" to propel Soccer into the 21st century.



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AUSTRALIAN INDOOR PAGE

Brisbane Bombers snare QAI as major sponsors

BRISBANE Indoor Soccer's continuing success story took yet another step forward this week with the official announcement that the Brisbane Bombers National League squad have been snapped up and backed by one of Queensland's most successful business groups.

Q.A.I. Queensland Associated Industries have pledged their support in the Bombers' quest to win this year's \$30,000 James Hardie National Indoor Soccer League.

Q.A.I. have pledged "as much as it takes" in not only dollars, but help also in club administration and marketing to put indoor soccer on the map in Queensland.

The Bombers are now in training for their first home fixture at Chandler on Saturday September 10 against the Melbourne Buffalos, kicking off at 7.45 pm.

In another first the

Queensland Schoolboys Indoor Soccer titles will be held in conjunction with the Bombers' home games this season, giving some of the younger talent the chance to stake a claim for a Bombers shirt in the future.

QUEENSLAND NEWS

The Indoor Soccer major season is now open for nominations in the following categories: mens open A, B, and C grades; ladies' open. Junior competitions are expected to be held for the following age groups: Under 8s, 10s, 12s, 14s at both clubs.

Indoor Soccer has grown from strength to strength in the two years it has been played in Brisbane. All the current leagues are very well graded so teams and individuals of all grades are welcome to come and join in the fun at their local club. The facilities at the Sunnybank and Mitchelton clubs are first class with timber floors, showers and canteen, etc.

Alkene wins NSW title

ALKENE beat Illawarra 7-2 in the NSW State League played at Fairfield Leisure Centre to take their second title.

The result is indicative of the polished performance by Alkene.

In the first half, Illawarra held its own in general play, but failed to capitalise on its chances in finishing their moves.

Alkene, on the other hand, were inspired by the skills of Shiska and Zoran Blasic and found the gaps to put the goals away.

The game was made more exciting by the massive contribution of young Craig Eagleton of the Illawarra team.

Alkene is the best side in NSW and made the critics eat their words.

The teams currently playing the sport now recognise the benefit the indoor game gives to them in not only skills on the ball but team tactics, strategy and court discipline. All fouls are recorded on the official team sheet to limit physical contact to a minimum.

Any persons or teams wishing to nominate may ring 344 1530 for more info.

INTER CENTRE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP REPORT

Mitchelton Indoor Soccer club took out the very first indoor Soccer club championships after a nerve-racking evening at their home ground at the old Mitchelton skate arena, Osborne Rd, Mitch-

elton.

The finals were decided only by the last game of the evening going to the Mitchelton Number One team Red Hill Rangers

Italy Here!

The Italian national team will in fact take its place in the Bicentennial Indoor Soccer World Cup to be staged here in October.

Italy were initially left out by FIFUSA following a delay in the payment of their affiliation fees. The Italians finally paid up and were reinstated in place of Israel. That means Italy will meet Australia in the opening match of the Cup.

Mackay celebrates

IT is a great credit to Mackay that five players from the Mackay Fut-Sal Association Inc have made the national team grade this year.

They will travel to Argentina and Brazil in November.

Chosen Mackay players are under 18 junior women Cuindi Raikaki, Hannah Keightley, Debbie Mifsud and Sonya Muscat.

Jason Raikaki has made the under 20 team and David Rover the Australian schoolboys.

The Mackay Association includes office bearers president: Brian Keightley, vice president: Aldo Rover, secretary: Kathy Stevens, treasurer: Aldo Rover, director of referees: Jack Abbott, juniors director: Shaun Francis, all-age men's directors: Ken Sanders and Brian Hammond.

All-age women directors: Jackie Reid and Kathy Stevens, junior girls' director: Barry Nicholas, directors of coaching: Brian Keightley and Jack Abbott, director for sponsorship and advertising: Jackie Reid, fund-raising director: Gloria Rover, committee members Jan Sanders, Tris Keightley, Gail Muscat and John Winner.

The new season starts on August 25. The all-age women will have Wednesday and Saturday competitions, whilst the mixed league has been very successful.

QUEENSLAND UPDATE

• The Queensland Indoor Soccer State titles will again this year be held at Chandler, Brisbane on the weekend of October 15/16.

• The Rockhampton Indoor Soccer Open will be held the weekend before the state titles.

• The Mackay Association's presentation and dinner night has been set for Friday September 30, and the guest speaker for this occasion will be Dennis Murray, the Australian Indoor Soccer national executive director.

• The Mackay Fut-Sal Association hopes to enter two all-age men's and one all-age women's teams in the new Queensland Indoor Soccer State League, which will be starting soon.

Delegates from Mackay attended the meeting at Nambour to discuss the entry.

Women get O.K.

A major coup was achieved at the FIFUSA Congress by the Australian delegation when it diplomatically "manoeuvred" a motion for a Women's World Championship to be held in May, 1989.

President D'alessio argued that whilst he was in favour of a women's championship, it was his opinion that no date be fixed.

However, Australia's Nick Nicolopoulos argued that FIFUSA has to make a genuine commitment to women's international indoor Soc-

cer and not shelve the issue to the distant future.

Australia's proposal was strongly supported by newly elected Secretary General Juan Jose Fenendaz, Alex Para (USA) and by the President of the Brazilian Women's Indoor Association.

The resolution was that the championships be held in May, 1989 in San Francisco, or alternatively in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

In preparation for the Women's World Championship, coach Nicolopoulos has organised a series of warm-up games — in Argentina and Rio prior to the series.

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It is now customary to exchange pennants whenever one club visits another in the fast-growing sport of Indoor Soccer in Queensland.

Ross Cox, captain of the Mitchelton Stingers (left), wishes Colin Simpson, captain of the Sunnybank Fut-Sal club, the best of luck at the official kick-off of the Brisbane Club Championships. — Photo Jim Sloan.

Costa Rican delegation

THE Costa Rican delegation for the third World Indoor Soccer Championship, to be held in Australia, consists of the following:

Players: Francisco Alpizar Matamoros, Luis Javier Chavarria Valle, Ricardo Gutierrez Porras, Jose Maroto Martinez, Diego Solis LeRoy, Jose Francisco Ramirez Brenes, Jose Carvajal Gonzalez, Alvaro Elizondo Marin, Jorge Garcia Yen, Carlos Sotela Leiva, Manuel de Jesus Vargas Castro, Jose Francisco Salas Molina.

Technical Group: Jose Alberto Cubero Carmona (General Coach), Jorge Flores Alvarado (Assistant Coach), Johnny Chaves Arias (Physical Trainer).

Representative ACOFUSA: Roger Carballo Rodriguez.

Reporter: Armando Hidalgo Quiros.

Referee: Jorge Cantillano Castro.

Australian Tourists

THE Australian Under-16 boys have been confirmed to play in Curitiba, Brazil, as part of the South American Youth Championship.

The U/18 team will play in Argentina with games scheduled in a number of provinces throughout the country.

However, the major Australia v Argentina games will be staged in Buenos Aires.

The U/20 squad will play in Uruguay, which is only 20 minutes across the River Plate river from Buenos Aires.

The U/18 girls will hold all their matches in Buenos Aires.

National Coaching Director Nick Nicolopoulos has finalised the arrangements following meetings with the Brazilian, Argentine and Uruguayan Federations.

The All-Age women will leave Australia in late November for its preparatory World Championship games.

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Rangers Hajduk	17	9	4	25	16	22
Rosebery Park	16	8	4	4	36	20
Pagewood Botany	16	8	4	4	32	20
Nineveh Eagles	16	6	8	2	23	20
Eastwood S/A	18	5	8	5	24	18
Hawkesbury Dist	18	5	7	6	18	17
Padstow Park	15	7	2	6	28	16
North Ryde RSL	16	6	4	6	23	16
Spanish Club	17	5	5	7	28	30
Chelsea	18	4	4	10	21	39
Sydney Uni	17	1	6	10	20	43

DIV 1 GR 2

Rosebery Park	17	14	1	2	59	15	29
Eastwood S/A	18	10	3	5	19	23	
Padstow Park	16	10	3	3	31	19	23
Rangers Hajduk	17	8	6	3	22	17	22
Sydney Uni	17	8	2	7	35	27	18
North Ryde RSL	16	7	3	6	21	16	17
Nineveh Eagles	16	3	8	5	22	30	14
Chelsea	18	6	2	10	23	41	14
Hawkesbury Dist	18	4	3	11	18	41	11
Spanish Club	17	2	4	11	15	38	8
Pagewood Botany	16	2	3	11	19	38	7

DIV 2 GR 1

Greenland	19	15	3	1	57	16	33
Trasandinos	17	10	5	2	34	16	25
Blacktown Wands	18	8	6	4	42	21	22
Cyprus United	17	8	6	3	33	18	22
Fairfield Kiew	17	9	4	2	28	25	22
Concord Juniors	16	7	4	5	28	21	18
Macquarie Uni	17	6	4	7	33	36	16
Wentworth Warratahs	19	6	2	11	25	43	14
Chile Sports	18	4	5	9	21	33	13
CSI Schofields	18	4	3	11	25	38	11
Liverpool City	18	3	2	13	24	54	8
Haberfield Peru	16	2	2	12	16	45	6

DIV 2 GR 2

Greenland	19	15	1	3	81	17	31
Blacktown Wands	18	14	3	1	46	15	31
Concord Juniors	16	11	4	1	46	11	26
Trasandinos	18	11	3	4	49	18	25
Macquarie Uni	17	10	2	5	44	18	22
Cyprus United	17	10	2	5	44	18	22
Fairfield Kiew	17	5	3	9	18	40	13
Chile Sports	18	6	1	11	27	56	13
Liverpool City	18	2	5	11	27	56	9
Wentworth Warratahs	19	3	2	14	21	59	8
CSI Schofields	18	2	3	13	21	47	7
Haberfield Peru	17	2	1	14	7	61	5

DIV 3 1

Colo Colo	19	13	4	2	37	17	30
SSC Zagreb	19	13	3	3	43	22	29
Amcliffe	18	9	8	1	31	19	26
Hellas	18	9	4	5	32	24	22
Castell Hill	19	7	7	5	33	28	21
Petersham Lus	18	6	4	8	31	35	16
Alexander	18	3	9	6	34	41	15
Mt Pritchard	18	5	4	9	26	34	14
Lithgow Wks	19	1	10	8	14	26	12
Murray Farm	18	4	4	10	24	39	12
Prospect Utd	18	4	3	11	21	30	11
Abruzzi	16	4	2	10	23	34	10

DIV 3 GR 2

Amcliffe	19	14	4	1	49	10	32
Mt Pritchard	19	7	7	3	33	22	25
Murray Farm	18	9	6	3	35	17	24
SSC Zagreb	19	8	7	4	21	22	23
Abruzzi	17	7	6	4	26	20	20
Castell Hill	19	6	7	6	27	19	19
Alexander	19	7	4	8	39	45	18
Colo Colo	19	6	5	8	47	34	17
Lithgow Wks	19	5	7	7	31	29	17
Prospect Utd	18	3	8	7	25	35	14
Hellas	18	1	6	11	11	45	8
Petersham Lus	18	2	1	15	23	61	5

DIV 4 GR 1

Belmore Herc	18	12	3	3	45	17	27
GNS United	16	11	1	4	47	19	23
Sydney Lebanon	17	8	5	4	36	20	21
Cobrolo	14	8	3	3	32	20	19
Maccabi Hakoah	17	8	2	7	29	40	18
SPQ Noantri	17	8	2	7	29	40	18
Ashour Star	15	7	3	5	23	14	17
Assyrian	16	6	1	9	25	35	13
Liverpool	18	4	2	12	22	46	10
Korean SC	15	2	4	9	19	40	8
Luddenham Croa	18	3	2	13	17	52	8

DIV 4 GR 2

Belmore Herc	17	12	3	2	41	18	27
GNS United	17	12	1	4	33	16	25
Maccabi Hakoah	17	11	2	4	45	22	24
Liverpool Oly	17	10	1	6	44	36	21
Cobrolo	17	7	3	7	29	33	17
Korean SC	15	6	2	7	25	14	13
Assyrian	15	6	1	8	26	21	13
Ashour Star	16	6	1	9	21	32	13
Luddenham Croa	18	4	10	28	38	12	
Sydney Lebanon	17	4	3	10	31	51	11
SPQ Noantri	16	2	1	13	9	40	5



NSW WOMEN

GIRRAWEE emerged with a clear lead in the league following Sunday's round of matches.

Girrawee played Manly in an excellent game in which a very determined defence was the main feature of Manly's game.

They scored in the first half though Julie Dolan and in the second half with a brilliant goal from Kim Lembryk.

Putney Town made a slow start in their game and were two goals down early in the first half against Mt Druitt.

Unfortunately for Mt Druitt their goals came too early in the game and as it progressed it was clear that Putney would catch up.

Once Putney got into their stride, the goals came thick and fast from Janine Riddington (2), Carol Vinson (1), Leigh Wardell (1), Margaret Young (1). Mt Druitt's goals came from Sharon Morrison and Leanne Edmundson (penalty).

Fairfield Olympic, who recently defeated last year's champions Putney Town, knocked off second placed Blacktown 3-1.

Blacktown's normally tight defence let them down this time, allowing Fairfield to score two goals from corner kicks.

SBS Television are featuring highlights of the Australian Womens team against Brazil from the recent China tour next Saturday. Eight NSW girls were in the national team.

— THERESA DILLON

Semi race still wide open

BY WES SAWINA

LAST weekend's results did little to unravel the puzzle of the semifinalists for 1988.

In a spiteful encounter, at Ted Horwood Reserve, Baulkham Hills salvaged a 1-1 draw through a 75th minute goal by "Mickey Lane", who sliced through Southern District's defence after coming on as a substitute.

His effort cancelled out Yildirim's penalty conversion in the fifth minute.

Meanwhile, Mt Druitt and Moorebank battled out a scoreless draw at Popondetta.

Although Druitt looked the more enterprising on the day, it was a game neither side deserved to lose.

CENTRAL COAST TOURNEY

MANY clubs will be heading for the glorious NSW Central Coast for a long weekend of football from Saturday October 1 to Monday October 3.

The Central Coast Soccer Association conducts the series, with a total of \$3000 prize-money split between the four top clubs.

Men's all age teams of all standards are invited to compete.

Facilities at Plum Park Lisarow (near Gosford) include kiosk, camping, showers, toilets, first aid and night lighting.

For all details see the MARGIN CUP advertisement in this issue of ASW.

Play flowed freely, testing the skills of both goalkeepers who were in excellent form.

Gisbourne for Moorebank in particular had a great match, denying Campbell after he struck the crossbar, and Terre in the final 10 minutes.

Although both teams had already been eliminated from semifinal contention, Concordia and Rooty Hill West produced an entertaining draw at Cawarra Park.

Concordia opened aggressively and in the space of 10 minutes wasted two opportunities to open the scoring after good lead-up work by Disch and Ainslie.

Hale's comeback

DAVID Hale's success with State League Second Division club Avala has set an example for other players in district Soccer to follow.

Hale, 22, broke into NSL ranks four years ago with the now-defunct Penrith City club but a bad knee injury put him out of the game for two seasons.

He made a comeback with Penrith Soccer Club last season under the watchful eye of former Penrith City trainer Stan Ackerley.

After helping Penrith SC win the Nepean First Division championship and the Nepean Cup, Hale joined Avala where he has been playing as a right-back this season.

And he is likely to be playing in First Division of State League next year as the Avala club is undefeated at the top of the table in Second Division.

"That year in the local all-age competition did him more good than harm," Ackerley said.

Hills countered through a superb break, resulting in Pearson's effort being cleared off the line.

Defences on both sides performed well under pressure with the goalies featuring prominently. However, a fumble from Berringen gave Direse a simple task of tapping into an empty net in the 40th minute.

Concordia struck back in the 55th when a quick switch of play found Diesch with only Bowen to beat.

At 1-1 both sides had penalty appeals denied and either could have taken the points in an absorbing final quarter.

"It's taken a lot of hard work and dedication but he hasn't looked back."

Ackerley, who is director of coaching for Penrith, believes players in the district competition should set their sights higher.

Blue Mountains, presently leading the local Super League championship boasts two young players who have performed at higher levels.

Mick Toohey played for Penrith City in the NSL and Darren Plumb played for Blacktown City, Penrith City and Polonia in State League.

Another young player who got his start with Penrith City and later went on loan to the now-defunct Sydney City club, David Shute, is now turning out in one of the lower all-age divisions with St Marys Soccer Club.

— BRAD EARL

Bondi at Waverley on Saturday will certainly test Baulkham Hills' credentials for a semi-final berth.

The home side has recently struck a purple patch and will be looking to finish the season on a high note.

On Sunday, Southern District face Mount Druitt at Ernie Smith in another important match, the loser of which will be struggling to stay in contention.

SECOND DIVISION

Little initiative at Potts Park

BY MICHAEL DEANE

THIS week the report covers the 1-1 draw between Bankstown and Blacktown United on Sunday at Potts Park.

Both clubs hold mid-table positions with Blacktown United being eighth in the league on 19 points whilst Bankstown are in 10th with 17.

I anticipated that an exciting game would be the result, however this was not to be and it was a very dull affair.

The small band of loyal supporters were disappointed at the lack of scoring opportunities created.

Both clubs could be accused of taking a negative approach. The one thing that this game lacked was someone willing to take it by the scruff of the neck and give it a shake.

If only someone from either club had taken the initiative, a whole new ball game could have resulted.

Both teams strolled around the park for the majority of the first half, with little work being required of the goalkeepers.

One chance fell to Blacktown's Les Tucker, who ran from mid-field and hammered a shot from 25 yards out. It was an ambitious effort, but the Bankstown keeper had it covered all the way.

United were without the influence of coach Art Meier, who was bed-ridden with the dreaded flu. I feel sure that had he been present he would have stirred his lads up.

The first goal was scored after the game had been in progress for 58 minutes, when Bankstown midfielder L Stevenson raced onto a loose ball to beat the 'Town keeper in the sprint and calmly tap the

ball into the open net.

Blacktown equalised in the 63rd minute when David Rooney managed to pick up a ball which had been bobbing all over the Bankstown 18-yard area. Several defenders swung at the ball in an effort to clear, none made contact, and Rooney being johnny-on-the-spot equalised for United. It was a fair 1-1 result.

An update on Blacktown United's Scott Coup, who received a possible spinal injury in the game against Manly last week: he still sports a neck brace and will need a CAT-scan this week to determine how the injury is progressing. All Soccer followers will be wishing young Scott a speedy recovery and lots of good luck.

TURNER CUP

THE semifinals of the Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup were decided on Friday with Figtree High from the NSW South Coast defeating Griffith High of the Riverina 3-0 at Griffith and St Peters High (Maitland) defeating Merewether High (Newcastle) 6-1 after being down 1-0 with 15 minutes to go.

These two teams will now join Patrician Brothers, Fairfield, (Sydney) and Port Macquarie (North Coast) in the semifinals at Macquarie Field, Speers Point, on Tuesday night, August 23.

The play-off and final will be on the following night, Wednesday, August 24.

The first games commence at 6.30pm on Tuesday.

The Regional Girls Final for the Rudi Roth Trophy, between Cardiff High and Forster will kick-off at 5pm on Wednesday.

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The Welcome team in Sydney after winning the over 35 Beaman Cup — Photo: HECTOR CARRASCO



NSW Amateur Soccer Federation

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Cup day excitement

ONE of the biggest days in the calendar of the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation is for the NSW Amateur Cup final, the U21 Robertson Cup final and the Under 14, 16 and 18 State Cups.

The early rounds, based on club teams in the different grades, take place throughout various parts of the state.

This certainly creates enthusiasm over many parts of the country as well as the city.

The country often does not have so much depth to draw on, but players of ability are being developed in so many regions.

Today's issue includes a cross section of pictures from around the clubs.



WEST PENNANT HILLS U21 Robertson Cup winners: Back row: I to r: R Iredale (manager), D Iredale, N Bowen, C Henery, M Bryant, J Bryant, D Hill, G Boyd, G Jones. Front: K Iredale, I Wilson, S Hunter, I Wood, M Lyster, M Richardson. Coach S Dalgairns (camera shy).



CASTLE HILL SPORTS U18 State Cup winners: Back row: I to r: D Lesslie, K Rowntree, G Hudson, W Forrester, D Pawson (captain). Front: V Lesslie (coach), S James, B Harding, C Dunning, J Andrijic, J Moore, A Wiles, M Adams, Lyn Lesslie (Manager). Absent: C Bowman, S Dorhy, A Babazogli.



Schofields CSI U16 State Cup Winners: Coach: Frank Corapi, Manager: Hilary Corapi, Players: S Alleaume, C Arfmann, M Caruso, R Castellari, C Ciocca, J Cooper, A Corapi, S Elliot, S Kostjuk, S Livolsi, R Nataski, N Richardson, A Rubbo, G Whelan.



WERRINGTON CROATIA: U14 State Cup Winners: Back Row: I to r: S Gorgievski (coach), G Gorgievski, O Bosnjak, I Bastac, M Schultze, J Pesut, S Vujica, S Vujica (Manager). Front: A Rogic, D Medved, D Pedulla, S Bekavac, R Concina, A Rubelj.

U14 final to Werrington

WERRINGTON CROATIA came home 1-0 winners of the U14 State Cup in a fast and entertaining match against Pendle Hill.

The winning goal came six minutes before the break when Steve Vijica gained possession following a Pendle Hill goalkick.

Vijica switched play

to the left to Rudi Concina, onto Ivan Bastac, Anthony Rubelj, with Bastac beating the defender to score.

Pendle Hill defied all the odds by reaching the final.

On the way they defeated Oatley RSL, Mt Druitt, Hornsby Heights, Connells Point and Sydney United.

This mighty achievement is highlighted by the fact that they are a

2nd Division team who have trained hard and proved that it can be done.

The enthusiasm shown by the coach, manager and all their supporters is reflected in the players' determination and attitude to the game.

Coach Ross Sinclair, manager Jack Oxley and sponsors ADCO Constructions have a team to be proud of.

Billets sought

SOUTHERN DISTRICTS Soccer Football Association is seeking assistance from Soccer supporters to billet players who will be in Sydney in the last week of September.

The group is under 13s from different states, who will be involved in the National Championships.

If you can help would you please contact Rob Neeson on 604 8504.

The series is being played at Marconi Stadium in the Fairfield district.

Congratulations to Apia, who have taken out the NSW Youth League club championship for the second year running.

TOP 4 POINTS

GROUP A UNDER 13	
1st St George	26 42
2nd Blacktown City	26 41
3rd Sydney Olympic	26 37
4th Sutherland	26 35

UNDER 14	
1st St George	25 43
2nd Melita	26 39
3rd Apia	26 35
4th Sydney Olympic	26 32

UNDER 15	
1st Croatia	26 45
2nd Apia	25 44
(not yet decided, 1 game to play)	
3rd Blacktown City	26 41
4th Marconi	26 38

UNDER 17	
1st Sydney Olympic	26 42
2nd Apia	26 41
3rd Croatia	26 40
4th Blacktown City	26 38

GROUP B UNDER 13	
1st Bankstown	26 46
2nd Gladesville	26 39
3rd Rockdale	25 32
4th Macarthur	26 31
5th North Bankstown	25 31
(not yet decided)	

UNDER 14	
1st Bankstown	26 39
2nd Ku-ring-gai	26 38
3rd Nth Bankstown	26 37
4th Manly Warringah	26 35

UNDER 15	
1st Macarthur	26 42
2nd Blacktown	26 40
3rd Polonia	26 40
4th Warringah	26 35

UNDER 17	
Uruguay	26 41
Avala	26 36
Manly Warringah	26 35
Rockdale	26 33

U/18 final to Castle Hill

CASTLE HILL Sports and Recreation Club Under 18 Div 1 team, who play in the Granville District Soccer Association, were the winners of this year's Under 18 NSW State Cup.

The team played against six sides in the 36 team competition and achieved the following results: v Pendle Hill 1-1, 6-0; Kingsgrove Olympia 5-4, Greystanes 8-1, Greenacre 6-1, North Epping Rangers 2-1, and finally St Ives, 2-0, in the final.

The final was a very

hit and numerous other attempts.

The score at fulltime was 0-0 and CSI finally forged ahead early in the first half of extra-time.

The goal was scored by C. Ciocca with a good turn in the 18-yard box beating the defence and goalkeeper.

Randwick scored

tight and close game, especially in the first half.

Not surprisingly, St Ives dominated proceedings and came close to scoring in the 30th minute when it took a brilliant reflex save from Castle Hill's goalie to parry a volley shot from left winger M. Tycho.

In the 60th minute they opened the scoring, and six minutes later Castle Hill made it 2-0.

The final 20 minutes saw some desperate attempts by St Ives to reduce the leeway, but to no avail as the Castle Hill defence held out strongly.

UMBRO YOUTH LEAGUE

QUARTER FINALS, SEMI FINALS & FINALS

a) QUARTER FINALS: Saturday 20th August, 1988.
Crest Complex Carrysfield Road, BASS HILL

GROUND 1			
GAME	TIME	AGE	TEAMS
1	9.30	13	A1 v B4
2	11.15	14	A1 v B4
3	1.00	15	A1 v B4
4	3.00	17	A1 v B4

GROUND 2			
GAME	TIME	AGE	TEAMS
5	9.30	13	A2 v B3
6	11.15	14	A2 v B3
7	1.00	15	A2 v B3
8	3.00	17	A2 v B3

GROUND 4			
GAME	TIME	AGE	TEAMS
9	9.30	13	A3 v B2
10	11.15	14	A3 v B2
11	1.00	15	A3 v B2
12	3.00	17	A3 v B2

GROUND 6			
GAME	TIME	AGE	TEAMS
13	9.30	13	A4 v B1
14	11.15	14	A4 v B1
15	1.00	15	A4 v B1
16	3.00	17	A4 v B1

b) SEMI FINALS: Saturday 27th August, 1988.
Solander Field, Captain Cook Drive, WOOLLOOWARE

GROUND 1			
GAME	TIME	AGE	TEAMS
17	9.30	13	W1 v W13
18	11.15	14	W2 v W14
19	1.00	15	W3 v W15
20	3.00	17	W4 v W16

GROUND 2			
GAME	TIME	AGE	TEAMS
21	9.30	13	W5 v W9
22	11.15	14	W6 v W10
23	1.00	15	W7 v W11
24	3.00	17	W8 v W12

c) FINALS: Saturday 10th September 1988.
St George Stadium, Bestic Street, ROCKDALE

GAME	TIME	AGE	TEAMS
25	9.30	13	W17 v W21
26	11.15	14	W18 v W22
27	1.00	15	W19 v W23
28	3.00	17	W20 v W24

Under 21 Final

A very high level of football was on view at St George Stadium for the Under 21 Robertson Cup final between West Pennant Hills A and East Bankstown despite the windy conditions.

Kevin Iredale drove home the first goal of the match in the 70th minute from a well laid pass from Gavin Jones off a corner.

Only five minutes later, a towering clearance by goalkeeper Darren Hill found right winger Jones. His pass across goal reached the alert Murray Richardson, who had no trouble making it 2-0 for his team.

West Pennant Hills' 3-0 victory was a deserved one, but full credit to East Bankstown

UMBRO YOUTH LEAGUE



UMBRO YOUTH LEAGUE ROUND 17

SATURDAY 13TH AUGUST DIVISION 1

			U13	U14	U15	U17
Marconi	v	Syd Olympic	1-1	2-0	3-2	2-0
Cent. Coast	v	Blacktown City	0-1	0-0	0-4	0-6
Apia	v	Croatia	2-2	2-0	1-1	1-1
Sutherland	v	St George	1-2	NP	NP	NP
Canterbury	v	Melita	1-1	0-1	2-6	1-3
Can/Marrickville	v	Sthn Districts	4-1	6-0	2-0	2-4

DIVISION 2

Avala	v	Ku-ring-gai	0-0	0-10	0-1	1-1
Nth Bankstown	v	Bankstown Assn	0-0	0-1	2-1	6-2
Manly Warringah	v	Warringah	1-0	0-1	0-0	1-0
Blacktown	v	Polonia	1-0	0-2	0-1	1-1
Campbelltown City	v	Yugal	3-0	0-0	0-1	1-2

SUNDAY 14TH AUGUST

Blacktown City	v	Sydney Olympic	4-1	0-1	1-0	1-2
Apia	v	Marconi	3-2	1-0	0-0	4-0
Avala	v	Macarthur	0-5	0-6	1-3	1-2
Gladesville	v	Rockdale	2-1	4-0	2-1	0-1
Uruguay	v	Ku-ring-gai	1-1	0-4	2-2	1-0

METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND 13

SUNDAY 14TH AUGUST DIVISION 1

		U11	U12
Sutherland	v	Blacktown	1-0 1-0
Sthn Districts	v	Bankstown	1-2 5-0
Canterbury	v	Nepean	3-1 2-0
Macarthur	v	Central Coast	— 0-1
Manly Warringah	v	Gladesville	2-0 0-1
Ku-ring-gai	v	Granville	— 0-1
Sthn & Eastern	v	St George	1-3 2-1
Illawarra	bye		

COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL TURNER CUP

THE last of the Sydney promoted games for this year's Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup were held recently at Marconi Stadium before another magnificent group of Freeman High supporters.

Wollongong's Figtree James must have thought they were the "Christmas" being fed to the "lions" of local team Freeman, in front of a sea of supporters baying for their blood.

After surviving this early unnerving period, thanks to a couple of superb saves from keeper Mikki Milisic, it was Figtree who silenced the

crowd with a goal against the run of play.

Again Sherifovski received a lovely through ball and placed it beyond the onrushing goalkeeper into the empty net.

Three minutes later, the crowd erupted after a similar move brought the equaliser scored by Philip Simone, leaving the scores locked at the interval.

The second half really had the crowd on their feet with play sweeping from one end to the other.

With 10 minutes to go, the crowd were stirred by two quick Figtree goals.

First, a cross from the left, badly misjudged by the defence and prodded

home by Vlade Trajcevi, followed by another attack down the left steered in by Sherifovski to seemingly seal the victory.

Freeman weren't to be denied. With only five minutes to go, a free kick just outside the box was hammered in by Robert Palazolo.

Then, with just two minutes remaining, a Freeman player was manhandled in the area-penalty!

The crowd was beside itself but, alas, Palazolo's attempt was too close to the keeper and Milisic saved brilliantly. What a game! Figtree hung on for a 3-2 win.

The first of the State quarter-finals was between Patrician Brothers Fairfield and Hurstville Boys High.

On paper it should have been a really close game but after an initial period of Hurstville attack, it was totally dominated by Fairfield. They were too quick and far too skillful.

Even with Mark Babic, Hurstville had no answer to Chi Chi Mendez, Frank Portolesi and Pablo Capdevilla.

Midway through the first half the floodgates opened. The Hurstville goalie dropped the ball for Portolesi to score.

Before the crowd could settle back in their seats the same player had scored again after a dazzling Mendez run. All Hurstville could do now was to restrict Fairfield's winning margin to 2-0.

The final is the following night.

GRIFFITH GET FIRST



GRIFFITH HIGH SCHOOL Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup squad: Back row — Matthew Smart, Simon Potts, James Potts, Jason Brett, Jason Lal, Brendon Peters, Steven Armanini, Robert Agostini, Washington Romero, Murray Jones (coach). Front row — Michael Wells, Jamie Whitworth, Tony Butcher, Matthew Hoskings, Brent Bugno, Carl Modena, Troy Stevenson, Peter Vardanegar, Shane Bellato.

GRIFFITH High School this year became the first team from the Riverina district to reach the quarter-finals of the under 15 Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup.

The side gained greatly from training with the senior squad, who made the last 16 in the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup last year.

Results to date have been: 2-1 v St Michaels Wagga, 7-1 v Wade HS, 8-0 v Deniliquin, 2-0 v North Albury, 4-1 v Daramalan College (ACT) and 1-0 v Bathurst HS. The goal record was 24-3.

The defence of Smart, Bellato, Armanini and Peters is solid, with Bugno a fine goalkeeper.

Jason Lal, born in Fiji, is an exciting striker who scored nine goals. He was well supported by Jamie Whitworth (8) and Simon Potts (5).

In the match against Bathurst at Proctor Park, Lal missed a penalty but made amends to score the goal of the match as he rose high above the defence to convert a Brendon Peters freekick into the net.

Bathurst pressed hard towards the end. Their best players were strikers Kevin Geyer and Shane West, with Jason Strong, Ian Pettingale and Jason Oates pillars in defence.

Australian Women's squads announced

THE Australian Women's Soccer Association has named two national age-group teams including a total of seven players from the ACT.

The squads are: UNDER 19: Kim Schaefer, Kim Roe, Leanne Edmundson, Leanne O'Brien, Yvette Jaegar, Olga Underwood, Meryl Geribo, Kristine James, Debbie Hyde (NSW); Fiona Wallace, Liz Dieleson (Western Australia); Nella Bertoni, Raeanne Dower, Kim Ketter, Jodi Jarman (Queensland); Tanya Reid, Angela Ianotta, Sara King, Sacha Wainwright

(ACT); Nicole Green, Tanya Dyer (Northern Terr), Lisa Van Dorp, Katrina Barsby, Jane Burgess, Tanya Whyte, Toni Bashford (Northern NSW).

Under 16: Joanne Ross, Cheryl Salisbury (Northern NSW); Kaye Yardon, Justine Fisher, Colleen Clifton, Rebecca Scott, Jane Hornsby, Adriana Scarvelli (NSW); Kimberley Williams, Angie Bean, Trilby Rippon (ACT); Tanya Corbett, Liisa Coccetti, Melissa Fenech, Kylie Franklin, Claire Nichols, Tammy Sprott (Queensland); Simone Brisbane, Cathy Miniti (Victoria); Lizzie Claydon (Western Australia).



LETTERS

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BICENTENNIAL BEEF

"A new era has started for Australia", Frank Arok said after Australia defeated Argentina on Thursday, July 14.

Is Mr Arok so naive as to believe that the Australian Socceroos are ready to positively compete in REAL international tournaments?

The "Bicentennial Gold Cup" tournament, staged in Australia with Australian referees, is an all Australian — made product.

When Mr Arok beats teams like Argentina, or Brazil, or West Germany and the Netherlands, just to mention a few, in REAL international competitions, then, and only then I will believe him.

Let's wait for the World Cup — the only valid testing ground, because every team is fielded at full organic strength; because it is supervised by FIFA, with international referees, in every match.

Frederick Birckinson
Nunawading, Vic.

TELEVISION

I have lived all my life in country New South Wales and am a long-time fan of world and Australian Soccer.

I can remember the days when on ABC TV I could watch English club Soccer, the various rounds of the FA Cup, the Scottish Cup replay, the English charity shield,

finals of the European club cups, and every four years the World Cup.

There was also the prospect of Australian club Soccer with the founding of the national league.

However, courtesy of SBS, which I have never seen, the ASF, of which the least said the better, and something called Sky Channel, which is only for hotels, all I have left is once a week English Soccer at divisional level and the possibility of more Italian club Soccer and the prospect of the local commercial station showing its one Soccer match of the year, the English FA Cup.

I have to live with this situation, but SBS should not insert advertisements in the Soccer press and newspapers which I believe gives the wrong impression of the extent of their coverage.

D. Roser
5 McLachlan St,
Werris Creek NSW

COACH

I am Brazilian, 39 years old, and have been in Australia for four months.

In Brazil, I was a professional Soccer player, and was also working as a Soccer coach with boys between 14 and 18 years of age.

I am looking for clubs or schools where I could continue coaching.

Should any clubs or schools wish to discuss using my services, please write to Mr Nivans F. Gomez, C/- 11/27 Glen St, Bondi, Sydney, NSW 2026. (Tel enquiries 306 431)

FRANCHISING

ALL the talk about the franchising and de-ethnicisation of the National Soccer League clubs is rubbish. This is Australia, not the USA and the game is Soccer, not gridiron.

Before the ethnic based clubs came along, Australian Soccer was nothing. Anyone who doubts this should check out the Australian national team's results at that time. If the ethnic base goes, Australian Soccer will again become nothing, because when you cut the roots off, the tree dies.

I expect that if the ASF tries to franchise and de-ethnicise NSL clubs, it will be the ASF executive that will die.

Do you remember the famous Soccer split in New South Wales?

It can happen again if the clubs with the crowd support are pushed into a corner by idealists.

Tony Sims,
Bondi Beach 2026

[It is necessary to beware of over-simplification of the issues, because migration from Soccer countries has long since vanished. There is now only a handful of NSL clubs with good crowd records. The search for better management and increased capital base and crowds must continue, especially as NSW is not being properly developed under the current system — Ed]

GUCCI SHIELD

AS mentioned in your paper, the Illawarra and Blacktown Under 13 Youths teams were to play the final of the Gucci Shield at the Sydney Stadium on Thursday the 15th July, just before the Australia and Argentina game.

This news was given to the boys just a few days before the game and it is easy to understand that they were excited and thrilled.

But the dreams were soon shattered one day before the game, when it was cancelled.

This not only made the

boys very sad, but also made a lot of supporters very angry!!

To the officials who make the arrangements, please do your jobs more carefully. It will make players and supporters happier.

(name supplied)

Woonona NSW 2512

[The NSWASF advises that they are sorry for the boys. However the SCG Trust decided at a late stage against the use of the ground for early games due to the state of the surface. — Ed]

NSW YOUNGSTERS

I refer to the article headed "Apia's Junior Challenge" in Wednesday, July 20th, 1988 edition of the ASW.

I believe Mr Raciti has no idea of how the training squad is arrived at; how the final selection for the September camp is decided on; or how states such as Victoria are capable of producing players as good as any in NSW.

We, at times, are all critical of other coaches' selections. However, we do have to consider the world standing of our Under 16 National team, and credit has to go to their coach, Vic Dalglish for this.

Mr Raciti never submits his name forwarded as a nomination for State and National positions.

Whilst I am disappointed with Mr Raciti's article and the press it has received, I am also critical of the lack of coverage by your paper on junior Soccer doings. In particular the Australian U15 National junior titles from which the U16 National Training squad was selected. The coverage of results, comments and progress of the U16 National training squad also sadly lacking

John D. Haynes
Dharuk NSW 2770

[Mr Raciti has stated his views. As to ASW, we devote as much space as we can to junior and schools topics, to help Soccer's future. — Ed]

SUMMERTIME

THE decision to try Summer Soccer is MAD. I only hope that the State League will not follow this decision.

If the club I support is promoted to the NSL, I hope they will refuse to participate in it, because no-one in their right minds would like to go to the Soccer after a day on the beach.

Players do not perform to the best of their ability after the hot temperatures we get in this country.

Another reason is that Soccer is competing against Cricket and that is not a good idea either.

Why doesn't the NSW wake up and take things back to the states, and oppose the first two placings from each state to determine the National Champion.

When the major league ends, only minor cups, and tournaments should be played.

I appeal to all Soccer fans to let their voices be heard about summer Soccer.

Frank Cachia,
Putney 2112 NSW

NSL REVAMP

AFTER 13 years it is obvious that the NSL is unable to attract enough customers.

Looking at the game for over 20 years, it is obvious that the code's support comes from a narrow and shrinking section of the community.

What happened in the 50s and 60s does not fit in the 1990s for a country that prides itself on multiculturalism.

The present structure does not even attract

support from Soccer supporters of other ethnic origins.

I believe the present clubs should go back to their states and play from March to August.

The NSL clubs, drawn from each state, should run from September to December, and games should be strictly home and away.

Signing of players for the teams would be from local, or overseas re-

sources such as in Sheffield Shield cricket.

Teams would represent states and draw multi-ethnic support, and sponsors would be forthcoming for this major league.

The games would be held prior to the main season for traditional summer sports, thus providing better media cover.

Alan Cringle,
Fisher ACT 2611

NSW BITES BULLET!

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tions at the next annual general meeting.

"We have to be selective to ensure that all clubs are of the best quality possible, to drive Soccer ahead as a major sport for the nineties."

In addition, the Federation is currently examining the possibility of consultants being engaged to assist clubs to gain sponsorships and assist with promotions.

Another innovation is expected to come at board level.

In the plan's second stage the board of directors is to be restructured.

It will be expanded to enable the appointment to be made of outside directors, with special skills in such areas as marketing and public relations.

General manager Ian Holmes said: "It is proposed to increase the term of office of di-

rectors, to facilitate putting in place long-term policies."

From the club viewpoint, he added: "It has been recognised by the directors and the clubs that some sacrifices will be involved for the ultimate good of the game."

"More professional management will be required, and clubs will have to decide what price they can pay for the services that are needed."

But down the track comes a highly innovative third phase.

A further club reconstruction is envisaged, which will lead to franchising of clubs within given boundaries, and possible funding of clubs through shareholding.

That shouldn't be a pipedream. After all, it is what Footscray JUST is doing at this very moment.



England plans super-stadium — at last!

A huge stadium, with a retractable roof and seating 90,000 spectators, may be built in a disused Luton pit.

The local county council will soon grant permission for the erection of the stadium as part of a giant multi-purpose complex, which will also include a museum, luxury hotel and shopping mall.

The \$600 million project is expected to be fully operational in 1994.

England lags behind the rest of the world when it comes to modern, state-of-the-art, stadiums.

Even venerable Wembley is staring to look, and feel, its age.

Around the globe

Compiled by LOU GAUTIER



★ Former Argentina World Cup supremo Cesar Luis Menotti is the new coach of River Plate. Menotti was sacked by Spain's Atletico Madrid last season. The Buenos Aires club is paying him \$1 million for an 18-month contract.

★ West Germany and the USSR will meet in a friendly international in Dusseldorf on September 21. The game will serve as a "warm-up" for the Germans before they play Holland on October 19 in the World Cup qualifier at Munich's Olympic Stadium.

★ Benfica Lisbon wants to buy Marseille's Ghanaian international striker Abedi Pelé, who almost signed with Bayern Munich earlier this year.

★ Libya is at it again! Needless to say, the Gaddafi regime was enraged by FIFA's decision to award the 1994 World Cup to the United States. The Libyan FA has issued a communique, the gist of which is that Morocco, as a Moslem and Arab country, should have been chosen instead. The Libyans claim that American "imperialism" is rampant in world sport and must be fought at all cost. End of tirade.

★ There has been a surprising lack of interest shown by British and European clubs in Norman Whiteside, who is keen to leave Manchester United. The Northern Irish international has been available for almost three months, but nary an offer to date. United denied that Greek club Panathiniakos had offered \$2 million for Whiteside.

★ Tony Cottee, West Ham United's England international striker, joined Everton for a record transfer fee of \$6.2 million last week. So much for financial sanity.

★ Romario, the scorer of Brazil's second Bicentennial Gold Cup final goal against Australia, is set to join the exodus to Italy. Pescara is bidding for him. Geovani and Andrade are also calcio-bound.

★ Italy's national amateur team has completed its close-season tour of Canada. The Azzurri played four games in eight days and posted 2 wins, a draw and a loss. The Italians beat a Montreal XI 4-1 and downed an Ottawa select team 2-0. Their 0-0 draw was against the Toronto Blizzard and the only loss (0-1) occurred against Windsor, a team from the province of Ontario.

★ Glasgow Rangers' 1987/88 transfer spree cost them \$6.5 million and left the club in the red for \$2.6 million last season. And these figures don't include coach Graeme Souness' recent purchase of striker Kevin Drinkell and England fullback Gary Stevens. The staggering loss is unlikely to put a stop to the Ibrox buying. Some 22,000 season tickets have already been sold for the upcoming Scottish season.

★ The West German Super Cup, between the winners of the Bundesliga and the Cup winners, has been won by League champions Werder Bremen with a 2-0 victory over Eintracht Frankfurt. The match was played in Frankfurt. Werder's goals came from Karl-Heinz Riedle, in the 24th minute, and Manfred Burgsmüller, in the 89th. In several European countries a similar Super Cup heralds the start of the new season.

★ Soccer has been "kick-started" into life in America to add credence to the successful bid for the 1994 World Cup. Attendances in the new American Soccer League, however, are strictly bush league. The Fort Lauderdale Strikers are the biggest drawcard with 4,600 fans a game. Lurking at the bottom are the Miami Sharks with only 900 supporters. The average throughout the league is a mere 1,977. All of which is a far cry from the average home crowd of 50,000 the Cosmos used to attract at Giants Stadium in the late seventies.

★ The Kuwaiti FA has been fined \$10,000 by FIFA for providing insufficient security for an international against Bahrain. The same Kuwaitis copped another \$20,000 fine for attempting to bribe the referee of their Asian Cup clash with Qatar on January 2.

★ Poland followed their 2-0 win against the USA national team with a 2-1 victory over Canada in a four-team international tournament in Toronto in which Red Star Belgrade were held to a scoreless draw by the Toronto Blizzard, one of the remnants of the now-defunct North American Soccer League.

★ Some 40 spectators and a dozen police were seriously injured in an all-out brawl during a recent match in India. Fans from the opposing Mohun Bagan and East Bengal FC clashed on the terraces. They are traditional rivals in Indian Soccer and the game had been transferred to the large Salt Lake Stadium in Calcutta to avoid disturbances — apparently, to no avail.

★ Dinamo Zagreb's brilliant midfield general, Haris Skoro, seen in Australia earlier this year, was all set to join TC Torino, but the Italian club is still waiting for the Yugoslav FA's clearance.

Gremio signing

PENAROL's Uruguayan defender Obdulio Trasante will play for Gremio of Brazil after almost joining Deportivo Cali of Colombia.

Trasante, a regular member of the Uruguayan national squad, has had a distinguished career and is rated highly in South America.

Argentine striker Ricardo Careca has re-signed with Colombian club America Cali for another two years.

DARIO Siviski will continue his career with San Lorenzo as well as Paraguayan goalkeeper Jose Luis Chilavert. Both players were involved in a transfer to River Plate, but Menotti's club cancelled the option to buy them.

One of the consultants of the plan claims, and rightly so, that the Luton concept will "take us back to the 1908 Olympic Games at the White City when Britain led the world in the design of sporting venues."

That's how far behind the English have fallen in the construction of sporting arenas . . .

Littlewoods Cup holder Luton (and who can forget their memorable triumph, seen live on television in Australia?) are, of course, watching the project with more than a passing interest.

Their management is committed to relocate the club and the proposed stadium would be the ideal option for the progressive outfit.

Luton Borough Council and local MPs wholeheartedly support the scheme.

Although the stadium will not be called an "Olympic" stadium, the owners would certainly be aiming to stage major international sporting events there.

The site, which lies along a railway line and just south of a proposed road-link connecting several freeways, would be ideally suited for big-time sports.

— LOU GAUTIER

NEWS AND VIEWS

BY PAUL MOON

★ Costa Rica and Panama drew the first leg of their CONCACAF World Cup Qualifying Group tie 1-1 at San Jose.

★ AC Milan, Bayern Munich, Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur are to participate in what Wembley Stadium officials have billed as a "Two-Day Festival of Football" at the London arena on August 13th and 14th. The first day will see Arsenal meet Tottenham and Milan face Bayern, with the two winners opposing each other on the 14th when a play-off for third place is also to be staged. The tournament winner will collect \$120,000.

★ Malyataspor smashed the Turkish transfer record when paying \$3,300,000 to secure the services of former Brazilian international Eder and Serginho.

★ Yugoslav international midfielder Goran Milkovic has moved from Slobodan Tuzla to Lierse in Belgium.

★ Faced by the prospect of two years inactivity, as the result of FIFA's suspension upon his side, Mexican national team coach Mario Velarde has resigned.

★ Bayern Munich dominated the West German close-season transfer market; signing Olaf Thon (from Schalke 04), Johnny Ekstrom (Empoli; Italy), Erlend Johnsen (Mos; Norway), Roland Grahmmer and Stefan Reuter (both from Nuremberg). The most noteworthy of the few other significant moves involved Yugoslav international Sheko Katanec, who joined VfB Stuttgart from Partizan Belgrade.



Brazilian Eder, off to Turkey and plenty of money into the bargain.

Private Armies Slammed

SEVERAL English, Dutch and West German clubs have announced controversial plans to hire private security men to combat hooliganism in the near future.

Without a doubt, this takes the prize as the year's most hare-brained scheme.

All sane thinkers everywhere must oppose it vigorously.

The following clubs are on the verge of launching the private army initiative: Ajax and Feyenoord of Holland; West Germany's FC Koln and Bayer Leverkusen, and Birmingham City, Aston Villa and West Bromwich Albion — the English Midlands trio.

Any such move must be condemned as dangerous and totally irresponsible.

It is a surefire formula for disaster — a tragedy waiting to happen: all that is needed is for a paramilitary bully to hit someone too hard on the skull with a billy stick, and you would have a dead person on your hands.

The whole concept is just too fraught with peril and has to be vetoed by the national soccer associations concerned.

This is only a poor attempt to fight hooligans on the cheap.

Private security people, inexperienced in crowd control, would provoke rather than control the yobos.

The unenviable task of tackling public order problems must be left in the capable hands of the police.

Riot police in the Netherlands and West Germany, if not England, have been handling major street disturbances for years.

Private security firms must play no part in subduing brawls in the stands or the invasion of playing fields.

Legal problems would also arise as privateers would be liable to civil suits for assault on fans.

Last season, British clubs reportedly paid \$8 million to the police for the use of constables inside League grounds.

Holland's bill was in the vicinity of \$2 million, but in the Bundesliga it was a less prohibitive \$900,000.

This attempt to combat hooliganism on the cheap in all three countries follows decisions by police authorities to double their charges for keeping order on and around football stadiums next season.

In the UK, the police says the clubs must pay more, and ratepayers less, of the cost.

FC Koln claims that private security firms would charge a whopping 70 percent less than the police and that the considerable savings could keep them from going bankrupt.

Let us all fervently hope that Australia never reaches the stage where private armies and vigilantes are needed.

That's one overseas trend we can — and must live without.

Give me Dad's Army any time.

LOU GAUTIER



On the ball in SOUTH AMERICA

BY MARIO ETCHART

CESAR Luis Menotti's new River Plate defeated Verona of Italy 2-1 in a friendly game played at Buenos Aires Monumental Stadium.

The new Argentine outfit fielded ex-Independiente midfielder Gerardo Reinoso, Claudio Borghi and striker Zamora from Atletico Madrid.

The Italian squad included two ex-River Plate players, Claudio Caniggia and Pedro Troglio.

Gerardo Reinoso opened the score for River Plate after only 8 minutes of play.

Galdieri equalised through a penalty three minutes before the end of the first half, while Reinoso added a second in the 58th minute.

BOCA Juniors of Argentina, under the guidance of coach Jose Pastoriza, bought striker Walter Perazzo from San Lorenzo for \$470,000.

Defender Juan Simon, who was playing for a French team, signed a contract for one year with Pastoriza's club, while Claudio Marangoni, the brilliant Independiente midfielder, wants to be transferred to Boca.

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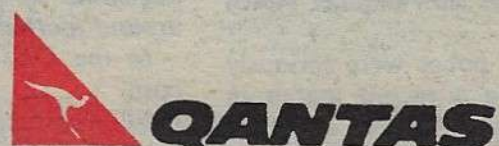
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